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COMMUNITY WORK FACES CASH CRISIS

THE regeneration and well-being of Cliftonville West has been dealt a hefty blow.

Funding that pays for the work of two of the area's most hard-working people has come to an end and no alternatives have been found.

The two women, who work to make the area a better place, say they are finding it hard to carry on because the money is no longer there.

The Safer Stronger Communities Fund, which paid for the work of Pamela People of the Cliftonville Partnership and Elaine Phillips of the St Paul's Community Centre, was given to Thanet council to administer.

BY **TOM BETTS**

It stopped in March, when the Government agreement ended, and now the pair are worried their work may not be able to continue.

They will have to seek alternative funding for their work, which some regard as important to Cliftonville's immediate future.

Ms Phillips's work with the St Paul's Community Trust, which helps the homeless, migrant groups, the disabled and unemployed get on in life, could now end. Ms Phillips has been in her role for more than four years and has been working for nothing in recent months.

She said: "I have been trying to keep going after the funding stopped, but I can't do it forever. I have a mortgage to pay and a son to support.

"We do an awful lot here, for thousands of people every year in this deprived area, but my work may have to stop now.

"I hope the money can be found to carry on, but it is looking uncertain."

Ms People, meanwhile, liaises with the police to broach safety issues for

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ALMUT SHOWS HE REALLY IS ALL DOG

Mute mutt Almut is not the loudest of dogs, but he knew what to do when the time came and may well have saved his owner's life.

Almut, which means 'All Dog' in German, sprang into action when danger called in Cliftonville during a peculiar incident in the middle of the night.

The faithful animal's keeper, Paul Volante, reckons that he might have been poisoned were it not for his pet's intervention and is full of praise for his "Superdog".

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Blogger's anger at 'scandalous' £365K paid to ex-KCC director

A HUGE pay-off of a former Kent County Council employee has been met with revulsion in the Thanet blogosphere.

Tony Flaig, of the Bignews Margate blog, has slammed the sum paid to Adam Wilkinson, the authority's former director of environment and education, as "scandalous".

The money was paid to him when he decided to leave in 2008, and the news has angered many in the county, including Mr Flaig.

Mr Wilkinson said the commute back to Yorkshire at the weekends, and spending time away from his family, was not working out and opted to leave.

It recently came to light that KCC paid him a lump sum of £365,000 when he left, but it will not fully disclose why because of a "contractual agreement".

Pure greed

Mr Flaig said: "It makes me really angry as this is just another waste of taxpayers' money. It's pure greed. It really does beggar belief."

He added: "[KCC leader] Paul Carter, in my opinion, needs to explain why a council officer, after 12 months of service, decided to leave and then presumably request compensation, and why was it then necessary to pay £365,000? All this does not stack up."

Mr Wilkinson has since moved on to another highly-paid, high-ranking role, as chief executive of Derby City Council.

Mr Flaig, from Margate, said: "In what circumstances would the normal person expect a big fat fee, equivalent to three years of your salary? It's scandalous. A lot of people in Thanet will never earn that sum in their entire life, no matter how hard they work.

"It's like these people live in a separate world and have money to burn, giving themselves these inexplicable payments. I would think there must have been some other dispute that has lead them to compensate him. Even in their crazy world, this takes some beating."




QUESTIONS: Blogger Tony Flaig is calling on KCC's Paul Carter to explain the pay-off

Ramsgate county councillor Elizabeth Green also condemned the extraordinary pay-out.

She said: "I am appalled this huge sum of money has been given by KCC to someone who has only worked for them for one year.

"This is an insult, not only to other staff at a time when their jobs may be under threat, but also to Kent residents who will be losing services with budget cuts and ultimately bearing the cost.

"It is really incredible that any contract could actually be drawn up by KCC which allows such a pay-off and I believe this whole issue needs much closer scrutiny."

Roger Gough, KCC cabinet member for corporate support services and performance management, said: "We fully understand how people feel about large payments and we feel the same way.

"Kent County Council does not enter into contracts to pay people large sums of money when they leave. Mr Wilkinson's time at KCC did not work out, so it was mutually agreed that he should move on.

"At a personal level, it was also the right thing for Mr Wilkinson. This happened two years ago and has no impact on decisions we are making now. We moved quickly so as to not lose focus on delivering important vital services to the public such as road-maintenance, waste and protecting the environment.

"We are unable to say more because of the contractual agreement made with Mr Wilkinson. The problem we face is that employment laws are onerous and need to be reformed. We will lobby the Government for a change of the law."

Air ambulance called to serious A28 crash

TWO people were seriously hurt in a collision on the A28 between Birchington and St Nicholas-at-Wade.

Police and medical teams were called to the scene at 12.20pm on Thursday last week. A van had been in collision with a BMW on the coast-bound carriageway.

The male driver and passenger in the BMW were both taken to hospital. The driver was flown by air-ambulance to King's College Hospital in London and the passenger was taken to the QEQM Hospital in Margate.

Both suffered "serious injuries", according to Kent Police.

The passenger from the van was also taken to the QEQM. His injuries were not thought to be serious.

Store kicks off a year of fund-raising events

PILGRIMS Hospices Thanet has been chosen as the local charity partner of Sainsbury's for the second year.

The store launched the partnership with Pilgrims Hospices by having non-uniform days wearing football shirts during the World Cup.

Over the next 12 months, the charity will benefit from the money donated through fund-raising.

Pilgrims Hospices provide palliative care for patients with a range of illnesses that cannot be cured including cancer, heart failure, respiratory conditions and neurological diseases.

It was chosen as the store's charity after nominations poured in from customers keen to support the local good cause.

David Holman, Sainsbury's Thanet store manager, said: "We're calling on all our customers to join us in beating last year's total of over £2,000."

President speaks up for his year in charge

THANET Speakers Club has a new club president.

Doug Weale, who has been a member of the club for ten years, has been elected to the position for one year.

He said: "It wasn't until I retired that I became aware of speaking clubs – and what pleasure I have found in the supreme pleasure, which is speaking to entertain."

The club meets fortnightly, on Thursdays at the Royal Temple Yacht Club in Ramsgate at 8pm.

Mr Weale said: "I have many goals in my presidential year. I want to see all members in the club challenged in the art of public-speaking and I want them to reach their potential. I also would like to see our membership grow and I have great hope for this."

See www.thanetspeakers.org.uk, or phone Ian Lockyer, publicity officer, on 01843 592785 for details.

Guests are welcome to attend without any obligation.

Shop supervisor loses alcohol licence

A RAMSGATE woman has been fined £1,500 and had her personal licence to sell alcohol suspended for four months, after problems with under-age drinking.

Amithagowry Geretheran, 28, from St Luke's Avenue, admitted three different breaches of her licensing conditions for the Sweet Crazy shop in St Lawrence High Street. One of the conditions of her licence was that someone with a personal licence to sell alcohol should be on the premises at all times when the store was open.

Shop supervisor Geretheran was cautioned when it was discovered this had not been adhered to.

CCTV also showed that an adult had earlier bought lager which was then given to a group of youths outside the shop. This footage could be viewed by staff behind the counter.

The other offence related to upkeep of the refusals register.

Geretheran was fined £500 for each offence and ordered to pay £100 costs and £15 victim surcharge.

Lose yourself in the music at Minnis Bay weekender

BY **TOM BETTS**

THE line-up for the Minnis Bay Live coastal music event has been announced.

The Birchington musical extravaganza takes place over two days next month and is free to attend as organisers look to put on a community event that is open to everyone.

More than 20 local bands and artists are set to perform, on Saturday and Sunday, July 17-18.

Among them are Luke Jackson, a young singer-songwriter who hails from Canterbury, and folk-punk band Los Salvadores.

Also on the bill are Call Off The Search, The Suspects, Daylight Savings, Fourth Echo, Five Floors Up, Radio Riot, Salvador Charlie, Dan T, Hazy Shade, Third Place Victory, Ross And The Wrongens and The Dukes.



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE: Los Salvadores are one of more than 20 bands and artists playing over two days at Minnis Bay Live

Amazing

As well as the music, there will be other entertainment for all the family and a market and trade fair.

An event spokesman said: "This year's Minnis Bay Live promises to be a truly amazing two-day event with something for everyone in the family. We hope to see you all there.

"This year, more than 20 local artists performing all genres of music on a dedicated stage, an arena hosting local dance, performance and display groups, a full fun-fair and a business and trading market will all be there.

"We have done everything possible to make this event as big and entertaining as possible.

"On one hand we have local traders representing Thanet's established commercial businesses, from all over the island, displaying a wide variety of trades and crafts.

"On the other we have independent stallholders selling local craftwork and produce from a wide variety of cultures, styles and disciplines.

"As well as entertaining you with the best of the local arts, we also want to show you what Thanet and Birchington have to offer on a business level."

The event takes place at 'The Dip' and surrounding fields in Minnis Bay and Birchington. Academy FM, the new community radio station for Thanet, will broadcast live from the site.

Entrance is free and the action is from midday to 10pm on the Saturday and midday until 6pm on the Sunday.

The event is sponsored by the Birchington Village Partnership.

For more information, you can visit www.minnisbaylive.com.

Community work under threat due to lack of funding

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the community group as well as acting as a spokesman and champion for traders in Northdown Road.

She said: "We are trying to explore all avenues and get this addressed. Lots of people are trying to help, but we're still waiting to see if anything will come of it.

"We're in the process of exploring really and working on it. I'll continue to keep the job ticking over for a while, but I need something more long-term. I'm open to offers, as they say."

Cliftonville councillor Clive Hart said the women were two of the most hard-working in the whole area and said that they were both doing important front-line work in Cliftonville West, one of the county's most deprived wards.

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Record-shop owner 'Cross' over closure

THE last independent record shop on the isle is set to close in a matter of weeks.

The Soundhouse in Broadstairs, which has been open for 15 years, will close its doors for the last time soon, according to manager Stuart Robinson.

He said Westwood Cross had had a devastating effect on the business.

He said: "The council is kidding itself if it thinks Westwood Cross is not the issue when shops such as ours close. People come to Thanet and don't go anywhere else to shop. It was bound to have a big effect.

"One of the worst things is when shops like this close they won't ever come back, and that's a real shame."

Taxi-driver on rape and assault charges

A TAXI-DRIVER from Broadstairs has been charged with rape and indecent assault.

David Stirrups was remanded in custody on Tuesday, June 1, and will appear at Canterbury Crown Court on Monday, August 9, for a plea and case-management hearing.

Stirrups, 53, of Whitfield Avenue, is charged with two counts of rape following an incident at an address in Ramsgate on Saturday, May 8.

He has also been charged with one count of indecent assault relating to another incident in Ramsgate on Saturday, April 10.

Legend Jennings on hand at football day for families

ISLE residents who are not yet sick of the World Cup can indulge in even more football fun in Margate on Saturday.

Football fever will be in full flow for youngsters and their families at the McDonald's Football Open Day.

It is one of many free, community football days taking place around the country this summer.

Organised by McDonald's franchisee Paul Crocker and Thanet Colts FC, the open day offers families throughout Kent the once-in-a-lifetime chance to meet goalkeeping legend Pat Jennings.

He will be on hand to watch youngsters demonstrate their skills and to share his insights and some of the tips and tricks acquired through his many years in the game

The event, which is free of charge, forms part of the McDonald's Community partnership with the FA and aims to inspire youngsters to give the game a go and sharpen their skills through a series of interactive coaching sessions.

There will be mini-tournaments as well as activities designed to help develop dribbling, aerial ability and shooting accuracy.

Families and friends will also be encouraged to join in the fun by being invited to try their hand at coaching or even sign up as a club volunteer.

The open day will be kicking off at 10.30am at Hartsdown Leisure Centre playing fields in Margate.

Guest Pat Jennings is McDonald's head of football in Northern Ireland.

Also watching will be McDonald's head coach Eric Harrison, who as former head of Manchester United's youth academy is credited with helping create the 'Class of 92', including Paul Scholes, the Neville brothers and David Beckham.

Youngsters

Mr Crocker said: "In 2009 we twinned our Westwood restaurant in Kent with Thanet Colts FC to improve the standards of grass-roots football in and around Thanet.

"We've provided the club with kit and coaching equipment, which has helped boost the morale of the young players.

"With the open day, we're encouraging the wider Kent community to get involved and give our youngsters access to the best in football training and coaching."

Alex Smith, manager of Thanet Colts Under-10s FC, said: "This is the first year we've hosted a McDonald's Football Open Day. They are a great way for our community to celebrate and share its passion for football.

"Pat Jennings will be welcoming as many people as possible"



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OLD BOYS RELIVE MEMORIES OF BEING YOUNG BOYS

Former students of St John's Boys School have met up for a reunion.

Old students and a teacher from the now-defunct Margate school assembled in the old playground to restage a school photograph originally taken 40 years ago.

Retired art-teacher Brian Gilham and many local isle lads were joined by former schoolmates who had travelled from as far as Bedfordshire, Lincolnshire, Devon and Cornwall for the photograph.

They then retired to the pub to share memories of old times.

Labour district councillor Clive Hart was one of the former students to go along.

He said: "It really was brilliant to see old mates again after so long. Many, myself included, had grown by a few pounds in weight and sported different hair-colouring, but the individual personalities and body language remained and the numerous amusing memories came flooding back throughout the evening."

The reunited group now intends to hold an annual school outing in towns across the country in future years.

Life-saving lurcher proves that he really is man's best friend

A FAITHFUL dog saved his owner from possible death by waking him from his slumber in the middle of the night.

BY **TOM BETTS**

When the motorhome of 77-year-old Paul Volante started to fill with poisonous fumes, the hairy hero repeatedly prodded his master in the neck with his considerable snout to rouse him. It may have saved both of them from being poisoned by the carbon monoxide in exhaust fumes.

The incident took place three weeks ago when Mr Volante's motorhome was parked on Cliftonville seafront at Palm Bay, near the primary school and pitch-and-putt golf course.

He said: "I had bedded down for the night and fallen asleep as usual but was woken a few hours later by Almut, nudging me hard in the back of the neck with his big, wet nose. He was clearly scared and knew he had to wake me."

Mr Volante was amazed to see a car at each end of the campervan. Both vehicles' engines were revving hard and filling his home with smoke and fumes.

The effects had already started to kick in and a woozy Mr Volante just managed to escape.

He said: "I just clambered into the front seats, which wasn't easy becaus of how awful I felt. I started the van up and the two cars took off into the night. It was pretty scary, but thanks to Almut I'm OK. He hardly barks or makes a noise, as lurchers don't really, but he knew what to do to wake me."

Mr Volante, who is half-German and half-Italian, fears he was the victim of a robbery attempt by thieves who might have been trying a new tactic of thieving from people.

Vigilant

He says the incident has left him shaken and for the time being he has decided to pay a monthly fee at the Quex caravan park in Park Road, Birchington, rather than try to sleep while his van is parked on public roads.

He said: "I want to tell people what happened as I don't want this to happen to anyone else. It is important people are vigilant.

"I reported what happened to the police, but without me being able to identify the cars I don't think there is much they can do. It was really dark, though, and the fumes had made me feel awful."

Almut, who Mr Volante says understands English and German commands, has always sported a Superman logo on his dog-collar and he now lives up to the title.

Tune into a Thanet state of mind

A LOCAL take on the Alicia Keys song Empire State Of Mind is living on YouTube.

The loose cover version laments the fate of the towns of Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate to the famous tune.

The song, entitled The Thanet Anthem, and an accompyaning video have been put on the site from an account called TheThanetLoops.

It is not yet known who produced it or sang the lyrics to the four-minute track.

It has already notched up thousands of hits, with the words sung by a distinctive female voice over a piano.

Among other things, the song mentions that the area's best club Escape is "always shut", the Turner gallery is something no one wants and that "dreams are trampled and robbed by the council".

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Life for the isle's parakeets just got a lot harder

THEY look pretty and brighten up the skies, but ring-necked parakeets have been labelled pests by experts.

The largely green birds, which are particularly common on the isle, can often be seen in areas such as Birchington, Westgate, Cliftonville, Kingsgate, and Palm Bay.

Their shrill screeching is one of the most distinctive bird sounds you will hear in the district, but a change in the rules means that landowners who are finding them a nuisance are now permitted to take action.

A spokesman for Natural England said: "The species has come to be regarded as such a pest in parts of the South East that the Government's wildlife adviser Natural England has modified the rules so that landowners and occupiers are allowed to trap or shoot them under a general licence if the appropriate damaging circumstances are met."

The ring-necked parakeets can cause farmers problems by damaging fruit crops and can also displace other hole-nesting species, having what Natural England describes as a "significant, negative impact on native wildlife". The spokesman said: "Wildlife conservationists can take action if particular protected species are facing conservation problems.

"But it is wrong to imply that members of the public can take action themselves."

Natural England is keen to state that it is not calling for the eradication of the species from the UK and it remains illegal for anyone to kill or interfere with the birds, apart from in exceptional circumstances.

The birds' diet consists of seeds, berries, fruits, flowers and nectar.

Ring-necked parakeets originally come from south Asia and Africa and are commonplace in the foothills of the Himalayas but are also at home in the warming British climate.

There is no definitive answer as to how they became so established in the UK, but they probably bred after being released into the wild after being kept as pets.

There are thought to be about 50,000 in the country, with two-thirds of those in the south-east of England, but some have also been seen in Wales and Scotland.

Monk parakeets are also common in the UK.

Anyone seeking to control parakeets should try to read the terms and conditions of the licences at www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/regulation/wildlife/default.aspx.

■ BY **TOM BETTS**



NUISANCE: Landowners who can prove that parakeets are causing damage can now take action against them

MP highlights role of 'selfless carers'

THE MP for Thanet South has used her maiden speech to Parliament to highlight the important role carers play in the community.



In a debate at the House of Commons, Laura Sandys, right, called for carers to be placed at the heart of the review on care for the elderly.

At the start of National Carers' Week, Ms Sandys, who made the issue a key part of her election platform, said: "In South Thanet, we have one of the largest numbers of carers in the country.

"Young, old, frail, healthy carers are selfless family members whose lives are dominated by the responsibilities they take on.

"Being a carer is not subject to any working-time directive. They often forfeit their own life and their livelihood."

Ms Sandys said she had watched her mother look after her father for five years until his death and had seen the toll it could take on a person.

She added: "It is crucial that we look at their role. In many ways, they will be one of the front-line services in the future.

"I urge the Government to ensure that we support those who support their loved ones. We need to look again at providing respite for carers.

"As the Prime Minister says, we need to reward those who take responsibility, and never can that be better said than about six million carers who give up their lives to their loved ones."

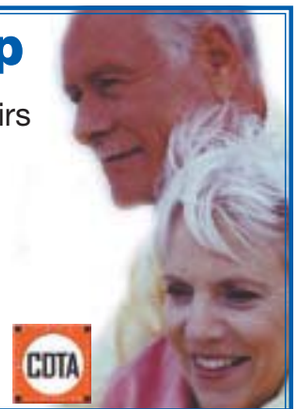
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Q&A

Matt Healey, manager of Grosvenor Hall adventure centre, talks to **Ed Hill** about the labour of love it has been taking over the venue and the importance of what is being done for young people through challenges

Q Can you tell us about the centre? What is its history?

A Grosvenor Hall has been many things in its lifetime. It was originally a country home for a wealthy industrialist, then a sanatorium for the care of TB sufferers. It then became a Police Training College and subsequently has passed to the Education Travel Group, who refurbished it for use as a Kingswood Education and Adventure Centre.

Q Has it been a difficult process transforming it into a place suitable for children rather than police trainees?

A The process has been a labour of love for the project team and although much of the centre was purpose-built for the education and training field, it has taken a lot of time and effort to bring the centre up to a standard that is unsurpassed in the field of residential activity centres in the UK.

Q How did you first become involved with work in the field of educational activity?

A I first became involved in outdoor education and activity delivery in 1987 after growing up in the Lake District and being involved in outdoor and adventure pursuits since I was very young. Over the years I have worked in a secondary school, for two international charities and in a local-authority residential centre, all delivering outdoor and adventurous learning to young people of many differing backgrounds.

Q How many groups of children do you expect to use Grosvenor Hall? What are the sorts of things they get involved in when they are there?

A We expect literally thousands of young people to use Grosvenor Hall as individuals, or as members of groups, from a diverse set of backgrounds and educational needs, all requesting activity choices from across our wide menu. We deliver courses on English as a foreign language, programmes on environmental science and other areas that link into the National Curriculum at key stages 2 and 3. Of course we also provide some fantastic activities, too; for example, our state-of-the-art high-ropes course – that is unique in the UK – and our 3G swing, climbing wall, swimming and scuba pool, not to mention our disco, media centre, laser-quest arena and cinema.

Q Can you tell us a bit about Kingswood – who now owns and runs the centre?

A Kingswood is a major provider of educative residential programmes. As an organisation we have seven other centres in the UK and France and we are expanding to meet the demands of our increasing customer base. Kingswood has been delivering courses to young people for more than 30 years.

Q What would you say is your personal favourite activity to take part in?

A I would be lying if I didn't concede that I love the ropes courses and climbing walls we have here on site. Not only are they tremendous fun, but they allow for young people to learn more about themselves and others by sharing experiences and challenges to achieve things they didn't know they were capable of. A number of teachers have come to me in the last few months to tell me these activities have changed the lives of the people they bring to us.

Q How do you see the development of Grosvenor Hall?

A Grosvenor Hall will be doubling its capacity over the next year. This will mean that opportunities for employment at the centre will increase, as well as allowing us to build on the already strong relationships with local schools and community groups.

Q If you did not have the career you have now, what other field would you like to have been involved in?

A If I could have my time again, I honestly believe that I would still be working as an advocate for young people and their right to learn about themselves and others in a way that is stimulating and exciting. After almost 25 years following my career, I am as enthusiastic about continuing to provide the powerful results that outdoor and activity-based education provides young people as I was as an instructor running my first, faltering, session. I think it is so important to provide opportunities to educate our children in a style that is exciting, challenging and rewarding for them.

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Suchet is appointed theatre-club patron

THE Sarah Thorne Theatre Club has announced that award-winning actor David Suchet OBE is its latest patron.



Club chairman Michael Wheatley-Ward said: "Following the appointment of Dame Judi Dench as our actress patron in February, it was thought that a complementary actor patron should be sought.

"We are delighted that David accepted our invitation. He wishes us continued success in providing quality local theatre for Broadstairs and east Kent."

Suchet, pictured, is one of the country's best-known actors, with a lengthy career on stage, screen and television.

He is known internationally as TV's Poirot in the Agatha Christie series.

iPhone 4 sells out in first hour at 02

A MAD rush greeted the launch of the iPhone 4, which went on sale last week.

The latest model of Apple's iPhone quickly sold out at the 02 store at Westwood Cross shopping centre.

Customers were queueing out of the door when the shop opened at 9am on Thursday.

Store manager Richard Harrop said: "We had managed to acquire 60 handsets and these all sold to our waiting customers. Unfortunately we had to turn some people away. I cannot say when we will have more of the handsets in stock."

Are we seeing the end of the booze cruise?

CHEAP UK supermarket drink deals, the recession and the strength of the euro could finally sink the Great British booze cruise.

British retailers are closing their premises in northern France, according to sources in Calais, as it appears UK shoppers no longer regard catching the ferry across the Channel to stock up on wine and beer as a cheap option.

Workers at Tesco have just been told the store could close; Sainsbury's is to shut down soon; while Oddbins has already gone.

The spending power of the pound has dropped by a quarter in the last three years, and with many supermarkets in the UK offering cheap alcohol, the bargain stores are losing their cost-cutting appeal.

The recession has also meant less disposable income for many people – another factor in the decline in sales, say the stores.

The outlets say business was very slow in the run-up to last Christmas, traditionally one of the busiest periods of the year.

And things have not improved over the spring and early summer months.

BY **NICK AMES**

According to The Grocer magazine, staff at Tesco Vin Plus in Calais have been consulted over a closure, while Sainsbury's is to shut down its Calais Wine Store at the end of the month after describing its partnership with the French retailer Auchan as no longer economically viable.

Oddbins Calais closed earlier this year and the company said its franchise agreement had come to an end.

A Sainsbury's spokesman said: "Sainsbury's and Auchan have made the difficult decision to close Sainsbury's Calais.

"Thirteen colleagues have been informed that their jobs are at risk and will be offered redeployment opportunities."

The store is now advising that customers call before heading to the Calais outlet and has cancelled online ordering there as stock is limited.

Another major retailer, Majestic Wine, blamed the relative strength of the euro for a 28 per cent fall in sales for the year to the end of March in its three northern France stores.

However, it said it would stay in France, claiming the difference in duty was still wide enough to make a difference.



LAST ORDERS? Retailers are shutting in France as ferry crossers dwindle in numbers, partly due to the recession

When the trend became apparent, Luis Da Silva, manager of the Eastenders shop in Calais, said: "We are dead here. There are still some excellent deals, far better than you could get in Britain, but I think the perception is that it's not worth the money because the savings are not as great as they were a few years ago."

Ferry companies remain bouyant about the future, saying travel to France is still popular and shopping for duty-free goods on board ship increasingly so.

Brian Rees, P&O spokesman, said: "The traditional day-trip as people remember it belongs to a different era.

"If people think the ferry industry is still about that, they don't understand the ferry industry. These days it is all about overnight trips, short breaks and longer-stay visits by people in their own cars who are inclined to roam further afield.

"The reason people go to France is to visit France, first and foremost. They're more likely to head for their favourite French restaurant and spend their money there as French restaurants still offer exceptional value."

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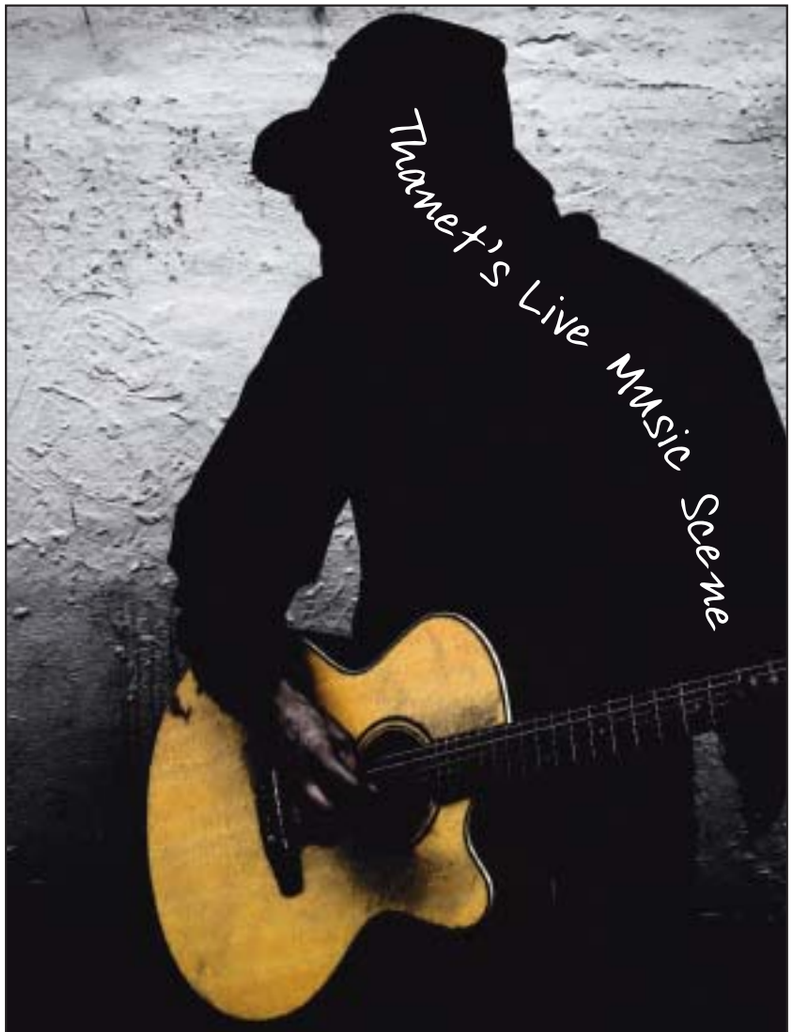
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High-speed auction could raise £1.5bn

TRANSPORT chiefs have gone ahead with plans to auction off the £1.5 billion-valued High Speed 1 rail network.

Interested parties have been asked to enter bids for the 68-mile line, which links London with the Channel Tunnel and is the first of the Government's assets to be offloaded in an attempt to tackle the UK's £167bn annual debt burden.

The sale also includes the high-speed stations at Ashford and Ebbsfleet, as well as St Pancras International and Stratford in London.

Announcing the sale on Monday last week, transport secretary Philip Hammond said: "The money generated by this sale will make an early significant contribution to the crucial task of reducing the public-sector debt.

Taxpayer

"That's good news for the taxpayer. But the sale will also bring benefits to passengers as the successful private bidder will be incentivised to attract new operators serving new routes.

"This is part of the Government's approach to making our national assets – and every taxpayer pound – work harder.

"The Government does not have to run everything directly. We need to take prompt action where private enterprise can provide both a better deal and a superior service to the public."

Thanet North MP Roger Gale said the Government should concentrate on fixing the problems caused by HS1 first.

"I'm concerned about the people who have to use the trains every day because at the moment they're receiving a rubbish service," he said.

Parties have until Friday, July 9, to register an interest in buying the line.

'Panther' tracks make fishermen paws for thought

FISHERMEN are being warned to keep an eye out for a panther-like beast seen lurking around a Kent reservoir.

BY **CHRIS MURPHY**

Eagle-eyed anglers said they became aware of the existence of the wild cat about three weeks ago when they spotted mysterious footprints at Burham Reservoir near Strood.

Site-owner Gary Dellaway said: "They were big enough for me to get my whole hand in, which is a little worrying.

"They were like pawprints, but it would need to be a pretty large cat to do those. There have been so many sightings of big cats in Kent, but I have never seen any evidence myself until now.

"We also had a chap in his bivvy, which is like a small tent they fish from during the night, and he reported hearing some heavy footsteps behind him.

"He said they were a sort of padding noise, so not like a human footstep.

"He also thought it was some sort of big cat because of the sound it made. It was so close to him he could hear the heavy deep breathing, again nothing like a person would make.

"The guy looked around his bivvy back towards the undergrowth and, although he couldn't see what was making the noise, he could see the foliage moving as it passed by."

Mr Dellaway, from Chatham, said others had seen what looked like a panther strolling along the opposite bank to where they were fishing and others had seen something take a drink from the water.

He said: "I am telling people what has happened, but they are not going to be put off their fishing by these reports.

"But I have said they need to be at least alert and on guard should anything approach them while they are fishing."

Big cats have been reported in the area before, particularly about a mile away on busy Blue Bell Hill and in Boxley and Lenham, as well as further afield in places like Ashford and Canterbury.

Just like UFOs, over the decades there has been a steady stream of sightings but nothing conclusive.

Mr Dellaway said: "There is one theory about how they could have entered the wild.

"In the early 1900s there apparently used to be a zoo at Cobtree Manor estate at the bottom of Blue Bell Hill which had large cats. The rumours are that several escaped and sightings have persisted ever since.

"The prints were about one inch deep, so whatever it was, it was heavy.

"There was a set of smaller identical prints alongside, maybe from a cub, which would suggest they are breeding.

"There's a lot of woodland around the lake where they could happily hide away."



EYE ON YOU: Fishermen have reported footprints and sightings of a panther-like beast at Burham Reservoir

Specialist domestic-violence courts bring swift action against attackers

VICTIMS of domestic violence have been assured that prosecutions against their abusive partners will now be processed quicker than ever before.

Kent is already home to one court specialising in domestic crime in Maidstone, and next month a second will open to hear cases from in and around Canterbury and Thanet.

There are also plans for a third to be established early next year in Medway.

Priority

Roger Coe-Salazar, chief crown prosecutor for Kent, said: "Stopping domestic violence and bringing perpetrators to justice is a major priority for the Crown Prosecution Service.

"We have deliberately placed considerable time, effort and front-line resources into tackling this abhorrent crime and I see the expansion of the specialist domestic violence courts as another example of all criminal-justice agencies working together to support victims and stamp it out."

The aim of the new courts – the second of which will run once a week from Margate Magistrates Court – is to speed up the legal process while providing a safe and supportive environment for victims and witnesses.

The magistrates, clerks and prosecutors have all had specialist training in domestic-abuse issues, while an independent adviser from the Oasis charity is also on hand to offer expert guidance.

Mike Edwards, deputy justices clerk for east Kent, said: "The adviser is the key to the success of this project because of the assistance, understanding and knowledge that will be provided to victims and professionals at court.

"Research has shown that where courts of this nature are set up, victims and witnesses have more confidence in the criminal justice system. This enables the police, Crown Prosecution Service, probation service, witness service and the courts to deliver a better service to all and for the benefit of all."



ABHORRENT CRIME: Victims of domestic violence assured prosecutions will be handled more speedily

Last year Kent Police received 21,329 reports of domestic abuse, of which 2,477 were from Thanet and 1,461 from in and around Canterbury.

Thanet has the highest number of incidents per 1,000 of the population with 19.

As well as providing the specialist courts with independent advisers, the Oasis charity also supports domestic-abuse victims through the entire legal process by offering information and advice.

One victim got in touch with the charity because she feared her abusive husband would cause further harm to her and her children as a result of her pressing charges against him.

Understood

She said: "The support I was given was fantastic.

"These people understood my fears and were able to offer practical ways of easing them. They made me see how I could take control of my life.

"I didn't have to go on like that. It wasn't easy – in fact it was extremely hard – but it was so, so worth it."

• This week, the chief constable of Wiltshire Police, Brian Moore, said each police force should compile a list of the 'top ten' possible victims of domestic violence – and visit them daily to ensure that they were safe.

On the road to outing abuse in gypsy groups

IT has long been a taboo subject within tight-knit traveller communities – but previously-silent victims of domestic abuse are beginning to speak out.

A report by the Equality And Human Rights Commission suggested women who reported a violent relationship had usually suffered severely and over a long period of time.

Cultural barriers and fear of being ostracised were cited as factors, with women afraid that they would be left alone and subjected to racism from society if pushed out of the traveller community.

The paper also revealed that 61 per cent of married English gypsy women and 81 per cent of married Irish traveller women had experienced direct domestic abuse.

Beating

An invitation-only conference is now being held by the Gypsy And Traveller Action Group at the Kent Police College in Maidstone to raise awareness of the problem.

Irish traveller Mary [name changed] said: "I was married at 16 and my husband raped me on my wedding night.

"From 16 to the age of 27, I was sexually, emotionally and physically abused by my husband.

"I was just a slave. I wasn't allowed to have money, I wasn't allowed to talk to other women. When he'd stop beating me he'd want to have sex with me – that was the worst thing of all."

Mary eventually went to a women's refuge.

Chief Supt Mark Nottage, chairman of the Gypsy And Traveller Action Group, said: "The gypsy and traveller community believes marriage is for life and divorce is rare.

"Leaving a partner can mean they face losing their partner, home, community, culture and way of life."

For help, call the National Domestic Violence helpline on 0808 2000247 or Solace Women's Aid Service on 0808 802 5565.

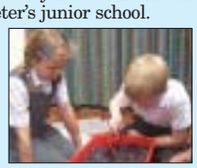
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Digging for history

A TIMELINE of excavated finds from the Stone Age to today has been shown to pupils at St Peter's junior school.

The youngsters learnt how archaeologists pieced together information linking the past to the present.



FINDS: The pupils dig deep

They put the finds in chronological order from a piece of Stone Age flint to Medieval pottery.

Specialists from Oxford-Wessex Archaeology, who are excavating along the route of the East Kent Access Road between Minster and Pegwell, talked about their work.

Head-teacher Sharon Irvine said: "It was certainly a fascinating introduction to archaeology."

Worldwide games

YOUNGSTERS at St Peter's have taken part in workshops finding out how their counterparts all over the globe enjoy their playtime, just as they do at home.

Whether it was skipping, tag or hopscotch, they came to the conclusion that there were many similarities between favourite games in all the continents.



PLAYTIME: Going global

Head-teacher Sharon Irvine said: "It was a good learning experience for them as it reinforced what they learn about other communities and countries.

Language trip cements that French connection

BY **TOM BETTS**

SCHOOLGIRLS from Clarendon House have realised how important their links with France are.

Spending five days in the Loire Valley was the perfect way for young students from Ramsgate to explore the French way of life.

The party of year 7 girls stayed near Amboise and took part in a number of cultural excursions.

As well as meeting local schoolchildren and looking around their school to compare notes, the 11-year-olds visited a traditional French country market as well as a château and a wine cellar.

They also took part in a range of activities such as a disco, quizzes, sports and games.

Enhanced

They even dressed in French artisan outfits they had taken with them on the trip during a visit to the village of Loches for a theme day as budding artists, with their smocks, berets and paint palettes intriguing passers-by.

Assistant head-teacher Mathew Morley said: "The girls benefited from a range of cross-curricular activities that not only encouraged their language skills but also enhanced their personal and social development.

"These annual trips are often the first time that many girls have been away from home alone and for many others it's the first time they have been abroad. It's of enormous value to their all-round development.

"Clarendon House has special language-school status and educational and social exchanges with other countries form a large part of our development in this area.

"We are always looking to strengthen our ties with schools abroad and share experiences and information to help raise the already high standard of language learning at Clarendon."



STREET ART: Two pupils from Clarendon House take to the streets in smocks and berets on their Loire Valley trip

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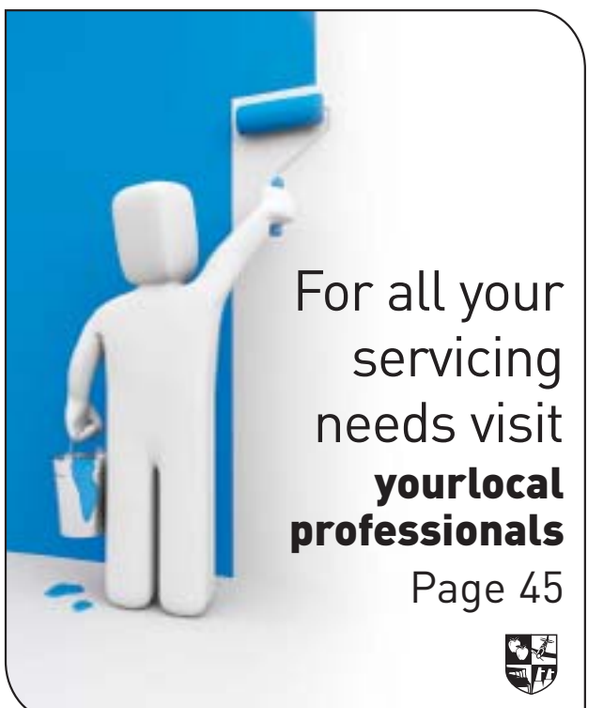
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Caution urged over 'free schools' policy

EXTREME caution must be shown by schools considering a breakaway from local authority control, Kent County Council leader Paul Carter has warned.

Last week, the National Grammar Schools Association (NGSA) advised heads not to apply for academy status due to concerns that doing so could result in them losing the right to select by ability.

They fear that if grammars take up education secretary Michael Gove's flagship policy of choosing academy status and opting out of council control, governors could turn the school into a comprehensive without the current requirement to ballot parents.

But Cllr Carter said heads of all types of schools needed to think carefully before deciding whether to sign up to the coalition Government's new 'free schools' agenda.

Reflection

"I think extreme caution is needed," he said. "At the moment there's very little detail about what it will mean for individual schools. Let's have a measured reflection as detail emerges before deciding which way to jump."

All state schools in England have been invited by Mr Gove to become academies free from local-authority control, giving heads more control over funding and staffing levels.

Kent and Medway have more grammars than any other county with 39, but the NGSA is concerned this may not always be the case.

A statement on the group's website reads: "We strongly advise governors and heads to be extremely cautious. Academies may not be legally defined as 'maintained', in which case they may lose the statutory protection of requiring a parental ballot before they are turned into comprehensives.

"Until everything is made clear, we strongly recommend extreme caution."

Rob Udberg is at the top of his game: he's a coach



ONSIDE: You don't need to have played at a high level to be a good coach, says Rob Udberg, who wants to see more people taking on the challenge

ALMOST all football coaches have one thing in common – they first played the game themselves – but one 28-year-old in Canterbury is working to break down the stereotype.

As a player, Rob Udberg never made it past the Whitley Bay youth sides and his attention turned quickly to coaching.

In 2006, aged 24, he became one of the youngest people to achieve the respected UEFA 'A' Licence.

His classmates on the course included Roy Keane and Peter Beardsley, while his roommate was Ricki Herbert, who has spent the last three weeks at the World Cup as New Zealand's head coach.

"In this country there has been a stigma attached to coaches that haven't played," he said.

"I can understand why, but it doesn't mean they aren't going to be a fantastic coach. A lot of great film directors were never great actors, but they know what they want to create and can direct the people to do what they want to do.

"To me, that's no different from the role of a coach."

Udberg, who played for Faversham Town, Sittingbourne and Ashford Town, is now employed by Chelsea to run a two-year BTEC course for teenagers at the Elite Boys' Academy in Canterbury, which combines coaching and training with academic study.

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PICK IT UP: Martin Wise says public can do its bit to help keep the streets clear of litter

Public can help us keep streets clean

How refreshing to read the blogger's article from a couple of weeks ago (June 16).

It's encouraging to see someone complaining not about the council and our staff who work so hard to clean up our area but about those people who drop litter in the first place and create the problem.

All too often, we hear shouts about the council and how it's our responsibility to clear up the mess that others leave behind. While that may be true, it's a pleasant change to see someone who recognises it is not the council making the mess in the first place, but it's our cleaners who have the tough – and unpleasant – job of clearing it all up.

The writer is spot on when he says that it's a basic courtesy to others to put rubbish into a bin and that, if a bin is full, just take your rubbish home with you. If everyone did that, what a difference it would make to the appearance of our area and the work that our cleaners have to do.

Cllr Martin Wise (Conservative)
Thanet council

Council sinking in a wave of inadequacy

If you told me Captain Pugwash was running Ramsgate harbour, I would believe you.

The harbour must be one of the best in the world, and then we have Thanet council with a maritime museum that's closed to visitors.

Visitors to Thanet need attractions, not distractions.

With the other attractions under threat, such as the steam-tug-boat Cervia, we are in a dire situation.

Selling off the dredger was an appalling decision, and not allowing one of the Little Ships into the water for the Dunkirk trip was just as bad.

All these vessels make the harbour what it is today and the silly people at Thanet council are out of touch with real people, telling the residents what they need.

Instead of listening to our needs, the saga of Thanet council is there to be seen in every local paper.

Up the creek without a paddle and not fit for purpose.

Trevor Shonk
Ramsgate

yourblogger



Ed Hill explains why this World Cup is only fruitful in one area – his own back garden...

TOMATOES 1 – WORLD CUP 0

I AM not a football fanatic, unlike a friend of mine who spends the whole season going to every game Bury FC play.

He once spent 10 hours on one journey trying to make it to a fixture against Torquay only to discover the game had been rained off. Such dedication is admirable, but the beautiful game is not that beautiful to me (particularly when Bury play it).

However, I do look forward to the World Cup. It is great to come home from work, switch on the telly and find there is something to watch other than Eggheads.

World Cup results may be hard to predict, but Eggheads certainly isn't. Every episode Dermot Murnaghan says "Can the brains of the challengers defeat something money cannot buy – the reputation of our Eggheads, each one of whom has won countless national competitions in general knowledge?".

In a word, no.

The ever-present Daphne means there can only ever be one outcome. She may look like a sweet old lady, but she has the clinical skills of Ronaldo when it comes to finishing off the countless teams of pub-league quizzers and mates from work who can't even get the right answer to 'Who wrote Alice in Wonderland?'.

Was it: Carl Lewis, Lewis Carroll or Lewis Collins, who played Bodie in The Professionals?

This summer I was looking forward to putting my feet up and opening a can of Tesco value lager, ready to be wowed by a festival of football skills from the world's greatest players… and Emile Heskey.

But for some reason I have been underwhelmed by the whole thing. Experts say the problem is that all the teams are good these days. Even the lowliest footballing nation can outwit the brilliance of Brazil with a well-organised defence.

But it's not just that. What has happened to all the natural flair and flamboyance the African teams were going to bring to the party?

Drubbing

Even when there has been a flood of goals, it hasn't brought any joy. Each time Portugal slammed another goal during their 7-0 drubbing of North Korea, all I could hear in my head was the sound of shots ringing out from the Supreme Leader's palace in Pyongyang as Kim Jong-il dispensed justice to the players' families.

During the England games I have drifted off and found myself worrying about whether I have forgotten to pay the council tax again.

No, this year most of my attention is on the 11 members of my own team whom I am coaching to produce a spectacular performance.

I expect a bumper crop from my tomato plants: talented newcomers nurtured on the playing field of my garden, promoted to the premier league atmosphere of the greenhouse.

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Armchair critic has his facts all wrong

Sadly one is forced to respond, although one could hope Ian Macmillan (last week's letters) would put a sock in it.

He rants like the armchair wizard he must think he is.

When it comes to the Falklands, he is totally ignorant and should go back to school. And stop insulting the memories of those who died protecting British people.

Not least the more than 300 who have lost their lives in Afghanistan alone.

If he knew the real facts behind the British Falklands presence, maybe he'd learn something, but such people fail to learn and actually contribute to conflict.

Mr Macmillan fails to realise that the islanders have the right of self-determination and are far more British than millions who where born here or presently live in his England.

Had he any notion of FaIklands reality he could maybe comment, but as one who has lived there, I can only say, to be polite: "Put a sock in it and rest your pen".

There is a simple answer, Mr Macmillan: allow terrorists, dictators and so on to wage war in the England you want. And maybe later you can pick up the pieces.

I have lived in these lands and served my country so have greater right to express myself than some armchair pundit.

If there was ever a service that warrants more, it's our soldiers. So, rather than slander their name, button it, as millions would say.

Derek R Packham
Deal

Why aren't empty homes being filled?

It is good news that the arbitrary regional housing target for the South East is to be abolished.

But where does this leave the estimated 36,600 households in Kent wanting social housing?

Excessive cuts in local-government spending and in housing are planned. The coalition said it would protect front-line services.

Isn't housing a major social need?

There are 22,000 empty homes in Kent and Medway, out of one million homes empty in the UK.

With persistently empty retail and other commercial premises, and long-vacant industrial estates, it is possible to meet Kent and Medway's housing needs without building on greenfield sites.

Despite housing need, the new government refuses to ring-fence spending on housing, just like the previous government.

The Green Party believes decent, affordable housing is an entitlement and basic human need.

Providing energy-efficient, dry and sound homes would employ people in every part of Kent and Medway.

But not one council in Kent has made significant progress with its empty homes and sites since 1997, either.

Steve Dawe
Kent Green Party

Troubled children nothing new here

I have read the letter from Ian Driver, associated with Foreland School, objecting to the comments the week before from Andy Somers, the head-teacher of Hartsdown Technology College.

Mr Driver, for years the Government has been sending 'problem children' down to Thanet.

The finances given by the Government to Thanet to accommodate these children nowhere near covers the expenditure needed for each child.

It doesn't cover the increase in police needed to cope with more offending, extra workloads for social services, teachers having to be on guard for aggressive behaviour, a vast amount of money for the families who foster these children – not to mention the cost to the courts when they offend.

These children need to stay in their own areas, not to be taken miles away from family and friends.

They need stability, love, education and understanding – not to be farmed off miles from home.

We have enough of our own problem children in Thanet. It is a great burden for everyone, but each borough should accommodate children its their own area.

Thanet should not be used as a dumping ground for other boroughs' problem children, just to save a few quid.

All these head-teachers were putting the children of Thanet first. Good for them.

I back them all the way. It is time we stood our ground and said we have had enough.

Mrs C Russell
Ramsgate

Sporting chance for disabled youngsters

While football fever swept the nation, a charity announced that it had additional funding to support disabled children in the South East with donations of specialist sports equipment and wants families to apply.

The Enable Sport initiative provides donations of specialist sports equipment for disabled children engaged in competitive sport and has already helped children across the UK with donations of football-powerchairs, racing-wheelchairs, javelins and even ice-skates.

Now, thanks to additional funding from Barclays Wealth bank, the charity are scouring the region for children who want to progress in sport and could benefit from a donation.

There are thousands of disabled children out there who may not be reaching their sporting potential because the equipment they need is just too expensive, with wheelchairs potentially costing thousands.

Launched by children's charity Caudwell Children, the Enable Sport initiative was created to remove some of the financial barriers that families caring for a disabled child face.

Sport has a lot of health and social benefits for children and we believe every child should have the opportunity to reach their potential.

The difference for a disabled child is the additional equipment they need could be out of reach for a lot of parents and preventing them taking part – we want to help families overcome this barrier.

Big sporting occasions like the World Cup naturally get kids more interested in sport and we hope that, with our support, they can take this inspiration and use it as motivation to compete at the highest level.

The Enable Sport initiative is open to any disabled child aged 18 or under and donations can be made to individuals for any competitive sport.

For further information, phone Caudwell Children on 0845 300 1348 or visit the Enable Sport page on Facebook.

Trudi Beswick
Caudwell Children

Why more are starting to count their chickens

BY **JANE CONNOLLY**

MORE people in Kent are striving for the good life as the popularity of amateur poultry-keeping continues to rise.

Growing demand for ethical, free-range and organic produce has really ruffled feathers in the food industry as the nation's consumers have become more discerning about what makes it on to their plates.



Many have even taken matters into their own hands by turning back gardens and allotments into their own personal food-factories.

According to Simon Broad, owner of Broadfeed equine and pet supplies in Tunbridge Wells, the county has been no exception to the national rule.

"The popularity of keeping chickens has exploded in the last three or four years," he said. "Keeping poultry in the back garden is not new. Going back to wartime, I should think most people with a decent-sized garden would have kept them for eggs and meat.

"With the rise of supermarkets and convenience stores, it died off. But over the last five to ten years, people have become more aware of where their food comes from and are looking for a return to the good life."

The business has been running 26 years, so Broadfeed staff have been well placed to notice changing trends.

As poultry-keeping becomes more popular, Mr Broad has been helping a variety of people take their first steps into animal husbandry.

"Many keep them for eggs, so it's the same as keeping a pet. I would say the vast majority are complete novices and that's where we can help," he said.

"If your garden is big enough for a rabbit, it's big enough for a chicken. In that sort of space, you would use an ark and the more space you can give it, the better its life will be."

Collecting up the free eggs, with the knowledge they have been laid by happy hens is not the only reward.

Mr Broad believes that chickens make fun and educational pets for children, with greater appeal than more traditional choices.

"They are perfect in that they give children responsibility. They are better than rabbits because they are more interactive and interesting.

"You can stand and watch chickens for hours. They are busy all day, scratching around and picking things up."

To find out more about the British Hen Welfare Trust, go online at www.bhwt.org.uk.

For information about Broadfeed, visit www.broadfeed.co.uk.



ADMIRABLE PLUCK: Simon Broad, owner of Broadfeed equine and pet supplies, with one of his feathered friends

Grant helps launch new athletics club

A NEW athletics club has been launched with the help of Sport England funding.

The Thanet Athletics Club will be based at the Marlowe Academy in the Newington area of Ramsgate.

A £6,460 grant will be used to launch the venture. Sport England gave £4,039, while the county council put up £2,421.

Club chairman Phil Pittock said: "We are extremely grateful to Sport England, Kent County Council and also to Thanet council and England Athletics."

The club will offer training and competition for all ages from eight upwards. Training will be held at the Marlowe Academy from 6pm-7pm every Tuesday.

The club is affiliated to England Athletics and the South of England and Kent County Athletics Associations.

For more information, visit www.thanetac.co.uk or phone chairman Phil Pittock on 07941 196740.

New name will put airport on the map

BOSSES at Infratil, the company that owns the airport at Manston, have changed its name.

Kent International Airport will now be known as Manston, Kent's International Airport.

Tom Wilson, chief executive of Infratil Airports Europe, said: "The local community has always known it as Manston.

"We therefore felt it was important to include the name, but to help inbound travellers identify where Manston is, we added 'Kent's international airport'."

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KAY 37, beautiful, warm, friendly blonde, no ties, would love to get together with an attractive male who can sweep her off her feet. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334797**

LOVELY female, 55, 5ft 6ins, seeks male 53-59, 6ft and N/S. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334633**

ANNE 42, beautiful, loving and caring, always on the go, seeks tall, well built guy who can show her what she's missing for new experiences together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334221**

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RETIRED professional lady, 68, GSOH, varied interests, seeks N/S gent for socialising. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333993**

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VIVACIOUS curvy brown eyed brunette, loving and affectionate would love to be pampered and spoilt by a tall, romantic male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334227**

JEAN 53, stunning, young looking brunette seeks tall, trendy male to make days more fun and nights even better. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334225**

DAMSEL in distress, Heather young looking 50, very attractive, been hurt in the past and seeking affectionate, younger male to rescue her. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334203**

EXTROVERT slim, modern widow, loves dancing seeks tall, enthusiastic, young at heart male to share the good things in life, fun and romance. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334201**

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FUN loving female, 47, kind, caring, honest, GSOH, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cooking, seeks male, 39-49 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334417**

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ANDREA 34, lovely, sensual with long dark hair seeks mature male to take a chance and share a romantic meal for two. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333607**

FUN flirty rock chic, curvy size 12 seeks likeminded male to share special times and bring sunshine into her life. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333605**

JILL stunning blue eyed blonde, sporty, devoted footie fan, seeks tall, active guy who's not too shy to try something a bit different. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333603**

ANNA 43, sensual blue eyed blonde, slim and vivacious, loves to wine and dine seeks tall, dark male for good conversation, fun and romance. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333601**

SMART happy female, 5ft 6ins, likes documentaries, films, meals out, wine, conversation, seeks tall, professional gent for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332725**

40YR old rock fan, likes animals, country walks, gigs, seeks kind male, 40-48 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333095**

LADY 60's, slim, young minded, N/S, likes gardening, meals out, country walks, holidays, theatre, seeks male, 55-65. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332749**

LARGER 26yr old lady, dark hair, looking for anyone to make her laugh. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332721**

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BLACK female, N/S, 44, 5ft 5ins, likes cinema, cooking, seeks N/S white, kind, honest, loving male, 48-56 with similar interests. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332979**

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JENNY 23, shapely, understanding brunette, loves nights out and quiet times in, seeks tall older male who is not too serious for fun times together without complications. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 330857**

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46YR old male, 6ft, always a mate never a partner, GSOH, down to earth, animal lover, likes a laugh, pubs, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379940**

MARK 46, single dad, seeks female with no ties for fun times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379938**

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SLIM good looking male, seeks discreet sexy fun with female. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334765**

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TALL male, professional, seeks likewise female, 20-40. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334261**

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DAY & NIGHT

Improv troupe returns

SEE laughter made out of chaos when The Noise Next Door returns to Canterbury tonight.

The acclaimed improvisation troupe creates hilarious sketches from audience suggestions. They can be seen at the Orange Street Music Club at 8pm tonight. Tickets cost £8/£6. To find out more visit www.orangestreetmusic.com.

Let dog have his day

CAPABLE canines are invited to take part in a dog show on Sunday as part of Hythe Festival.

The show, run by charity Pets as Therapy, is on Hythe Green at 10am, with pedigree and novelty classes.

Entry costs £1 per class with proceeds going to the charity. For details of Hythe Festival visit www.hythe-festival.com.

Folk singer is guest

SONGS from the traditional and contemporary folk scene will be performed by Bob Fox next week.

Hailing from County Durham, Fox is at Faversham Folk Club at the Chimney Boy in Preston Street at 8.30pm next Wednesday. Tickets cost £8 for members, £9 for non-members and are free for under-18s. For details call 01795 536857.

Songs from West End

STEP into the glittering world of the West End when Musicals in Motion 2 visits Ramsgate.

On Friday and Saturday, a cast of West End and European stars will sing songs from shows such as Starlight Express, Cats, Evita, Rent and more.

Tickets for the show at the Granville Theatre cost £13/£12/£10. To book call 01843 591750.

Pair team up at pub

TWO talented musicians join forces for a concert at the Lord Nelson in Broadstairs on Sunday.

Jazz and pop vocalist Veronica Cowper, from South Africa, teams up with Canadian-born guitarist Jamie Moore.

The gig starts at 2.30pm and admission is free. To find out more call 01843 861210.

Book for variety night

DYNAMIC young producer Joe Hodges presents an evening of entertainment at Broadstairs' Memorial Theatre.

Stardust Theatre Company will stage their third annual variety show for Sarah Thorne Theatre Club at 7.30pm on Saturday. Tickets are £7 for members and £8 for non-members, who must book in advance on 0845 262 6263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

Night with Paul Daniels

ENJOY an evening of baffling magic tricks and hear amusing stories from Paul Daniels.

The master magician will perform illusions and take questions about his life and career at Quarterhouse, Folkestone at 7.30pm on Friday. Tickets cost £17.50/£12.50. Call 01303 858500 or visit www.quarterhouse.co.uk.



Festival fun in great outdoors

DEAL FESTIVAL
Friday, July 2, to Saturday, July 17
Various Venues



FROM classical music to horticultural delights, this year's Deal Festival offers a diverse programme of events.

Fittingly enough, this summer festival opens with outdoor concerts by three very different Kent bands. On Friday night, acclaimed soul, rhythm and blues band Rubber Biscuit (pictured top) will get the party started on the Pier Apron in Deal at 7pm, followed by performances from folk group Cocos Lovers and the Canterbury Christ Church Big Band on the seafront from 10.30am on Saturday.

Young performers will have the chance to display their skills at Deal Town Hall at 3pm and the entertainment continues with a concert by the European Union Chamber Orchestra at St George's Church at 7.30pm, which includes sonnets read by former Poet Laureate, Sir Andrew Motion.

Sunday's line-up includes a festival mass at St Andrew's Church at 10am, the Sol Trio at the Royal Hotel at 7.30pm and three young musicians from the famous Yehudi Menuhin Music School at Pines Calyx at 7pm.

Film fans can enjoy Dame Kiri te Kanawa's performance in Don Giovanni at the Astor Theatre on Monday, while Tuesday's concert at St Mary's Church in Walmer could prove to be a poignant one, as John Georgiadis will give his last performance as a professional violinist with the Cinque Ports Ensemble.

Consortium 5 Recorders will appear at St Andrew's Church at 1pm on Tuesday and give a masterclass after the concert.

Next Wednesday's highlights include a piano recital by Sviatoslav Antipov at St George's Church and an outdoor performance of The Merry Wives of Windsor at the Salutation Gardens in Sandwich.

Next week, audiences can choose from a classical concert by students from Canterbury Christ Church University, an evening with renowned raconteur Denis Norden and a concert from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama Jazz Orchestra.

Those who would like to find out more about the area's literary connections can join a guided tour by Janet Alcock, volunteer co-ordinator at South Forelands Lighthouse, as she leads a four-hour circular walk along the White Cliffs of Dover on Saturday, July 10. On the same day, music fans can also enjoy concerts by the Pfizer Wind Orchestra and the famous Grimethorpe Colliery Band.

On Sunday, July 11, the festival will focus on Sandwich. Sir Roger Manwood's School Jazz Band will perform at Sandwich Quay at 11am, followed by a Champagne reception at the Bell Hotel, a three-course lunch and music from soprano Sarah Hale and harpist Alex Rider. There will also be a tour of the Salutation Gardens with the head gardener and more music from the Pfizer Wind Orchestra.

Meanwhile, the Band of the Royal Marines take to the Walmer Bandstand at 2pm and gipsy jazz band Djangles will play at the Royal Hotel in Deal at 7.30pm.

The second week of the festival features concerts by the Kosmos Trio (above), the City of London Sinfonia and the Alea String Quartet. Sir Willard White will explore the repertoire and life of the iconic Paul Robeson and the Merry Wives of Windsor can once again be seen at the Pines Gardens in St Margaret's at Cliffe. For full festival listings and to book tickets, telephone 01304 830443 or go to www.dealfestival.co.uk.

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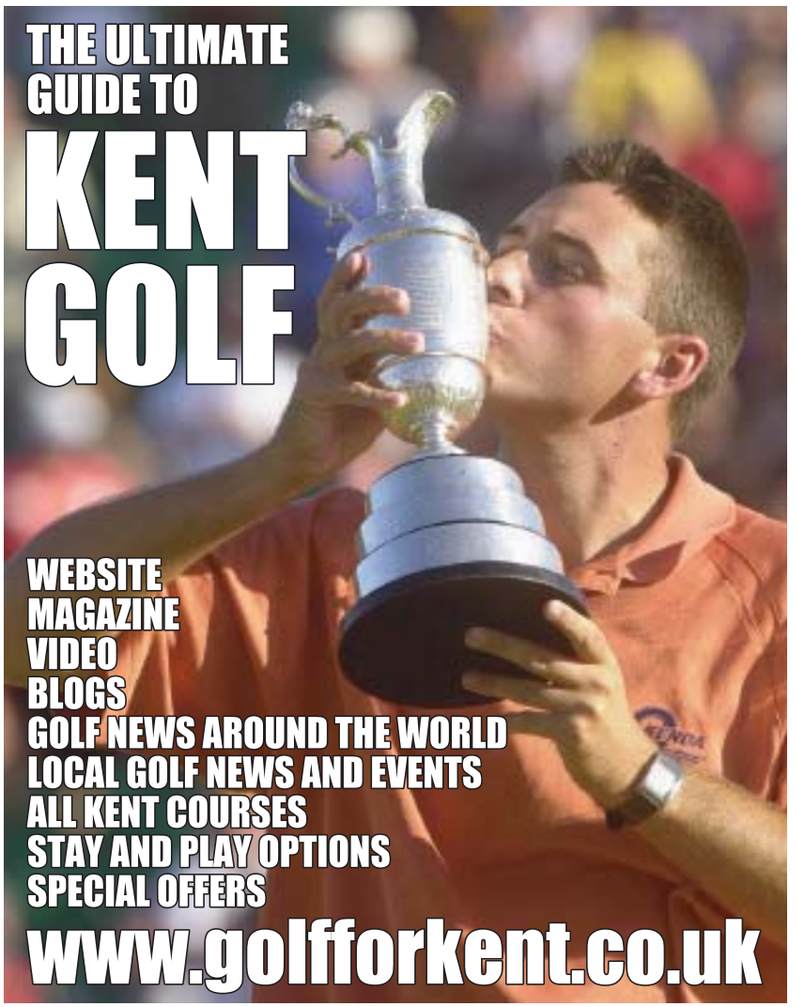
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THE CARETAKER

Saturday, July 3, Theatre Royal Margate

ONE of Harold Pinter's most captivating plays will be performed by London Classic Theatre this weekend.

Half a century after it was first performed, The Caretaker still has the power to intrigue, shock and fascinate audiences. Pinter is one of this country's most acclaimed, studied and enduringly popular playwrights, with The Caretaker being widely considered one of his finest works.

When elderly drifter Davies is taken in by kindly Aston, he soon settles into his new home in a squalid attic. He develops an uneasy peace with the well-meaning and vulnerable younger man, but their equilibrium is disturbed by the arrival of Aston's smarter brother, Mick.

As the past emerges and the three men reveal more about themselves, they embark on a battle of wits that will have far-reaching consequences.

Pinter wrote 29 plays, including The Birthday Party, Old Times, The Homecoming and Betrayal.

The play, suitable for ages 14 and above, starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £14/£12 from 0845 130 1786, 01227 787787 or www.theatreroyalmargate.com.

LOUNGE ON THE FARM

Friday, July 9, to Sunday, July 11, Merton Farm, Canterbury

NOW in its fifth year, Lounge on the Farm is celebrating with an even more diverse line-up than ever.

Alongside Martha and the Vandellas, Toots and the Maytals and DJ Yoda, festival-goers can look forward to a fantastic headline act on the Friday. Disco fever will rule when New York band, Hercules and the Love Affair, bring their sound to the Cow Shed.

Andrew Butler's group are sure to get the party going on the main stage with their blend of proto-acid house grooves and strings in the style of Gamble and Huff. Following the success of their 2008 album, the band will be presenting a mixture of classic tunes and some new tracks to keep revellers on their toes.

Electro-pop act Example will be marking the release of his second album, Won't Go Quietly, with what promises to be a barn-storming performance at Lounge on the Farm on the Friday, while musical voyager Jah Wobble headlines the Furthur Stage on the Saturday.

Tickets start at £40 for an adult day ticket and £20 for children. For more information visit www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk.





MICHAEL LAW

Sunday, July 4, Dominican Priory, Canterbury

ENJOY an evening of elegant music from the Art Deco era when Michael Law performs in concert.

The latest in the series of Sunday night concerts from the Friends of the Marlowe features the accomplished pianist and singer, one of the series' most popular entertainers.

With Sunday's concert, Mad About the 30s, he will regale the audience with a selection of tunes from Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Noel Coward and other artists from that golden musical era. As one of Law's favourite periods, the 30s provide the inspiration for an uplifting concert of elegant classics.

Law is the founder and musical director of the acclaimed Piccadilly Dance Orchestra, but he has also become a highly-regarded solo performer.

Prestigious venues have included the Savoy Hotel, Claridges, Pizza in the Park, the Purcell Room and Cunard ocean liners. His previous appearances for the Friends of the Marlowe have been sell-out successes.

Tickets cost £13, including a glass of wine and concessions are available. To book contact the Canterbury Visitor Information Centre on 01227 787787.



PALACE OF VARIETIES

Friday, July 2, to Saturday, July 10, Tower Theatre, Folkestone

CELEBRATE the colourful history of variety with the latest show from Folkestone-Hythe Operatic and Dramatic Society.

Palace of Varieties takes the audience on an entertaining journey through the evolution of variety, starting out with its humble beginnings in the music halls of the 1850s.

Find out how a typical night in the pub might have played out, followed by increasingly ambitious and skilful acts.

Audiences can look forward to the comedy of Les Dawson, Tommy Cooper and Max Miller, all performed with tremendous skill by members of FHODS.

Part of the Hythe Festival, Palace of Varieties features musical direction by Richard Baulch and has been devised by Maxine Burrows, who has a long history of work in the entertainment industry.

She started out as 'Terry Juvenile' and has also appeared in professional pantomime in Drury Lane, London, worked as a Tiller girl in the 60s and appeared as a film extra.

The show can be seen this Friday and Saturday and again from July 7 to 10. Tickets cost £9/£8. Book online at www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk or call 01303 223925.



OUR HOUSE

Thursday, July 8, to Saturday, July 10 Winter Gardens, Margate

THE music of Madness propels along a gripping story of two potential lives in the hit musical, Our House.

Regency Productions presents the award-winning show next week, with performances from a talented young cast. Named after one of the ska-pop band's biggest hits, the musical is a toe-tapping journey through their repertoire, with a compelling storyline.

When 16-year-old Joe Casey tries to impress his sweetheart with a petty crime on his birthday, he faces an agonising choice. As the police arrive, should he stay and face the music or take to his heels?

The show reveals the consequences of both choices, taking the audience on a Sliding Doors-style exploration of the very different turns Joe's life could have taken.

The cast includes Matt Sullivan as Joe along with Parisa Tarjomani, Daniella Surrage, Nathan Steven, Alex Hammond, Zahra Tarjomani and Ruby Sigurdardottir.

Performances start at 7.30pm daily with a 2.30pm matinee on Saturday and tickets cost £10. To book call the box office on 01843 292795/296111 or visit www.margatewintergardens.co.uk.



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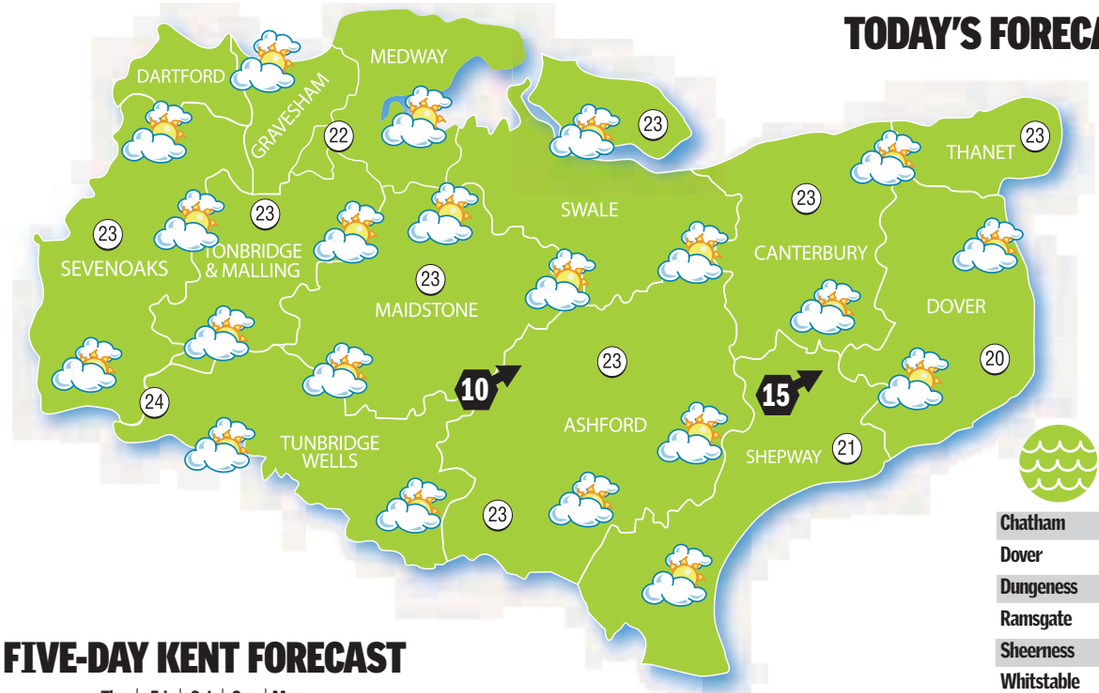
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Cardiff	22°C	Tokyo	30°C
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Hong Kong	25°C	Warsaw	23°C
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KENT'S WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	5:45pm 5.4m	Sunday	6:21am 5.2m
Dover	Saturday	4:10pm 6.0m	Sunday	4:54pm 5.7m
Dungeness	Saturday	4:06pm 6.7m	Sunday	4:51pm 6.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	4:40pm 4.5m	Sunday	5:24pm 4.3m
Sheerness	Saturday	5:34pm 5.2m	Sunday	6:10am 5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	5:44pm 4.9m	Sunday	6:15am 4.6m

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Dover	22°C	20°C	22°C	20°C	19°C
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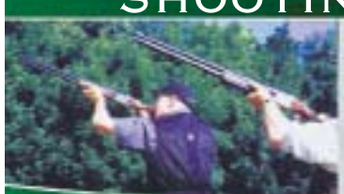
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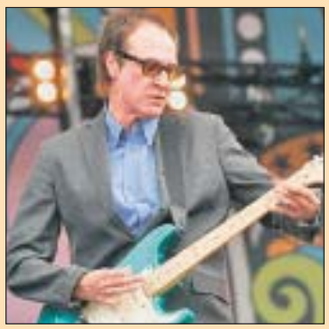
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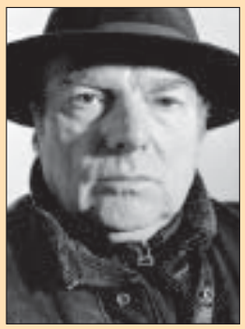
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Hop Farm tickets still up for grabs





STAR-STUDDED: Music legends Ray Davies and Van Morrison will play at the Hop Farm

■ BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

A NUMBER of tickets remain on sale for this weekend's star-studded Hop Farm Festival.

The Paddock Wood two-dayer, which kicks-off this Friday, will see a host of music legends perform in front of up to 50,000 fans.

Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, Blondie and former Kinks frontman Ray Davies are among the Hop Farm bill's biggest hitters and will be ably supported by ex-Libertines singer Peter Doherty, The Magic Numbers and folk starlet Laura Marling.

The festival's second stage features the likes of Devandra Banhart, Tunng, Villagers and Kent's own blues guitarist Pete Molinari.

And the third Bread & Roses stage will include The Ruskins, Hoodlums and Billy Vincent.

It will also host a comedy show hosted by Sion James and featuring Bob Mills, Keith Platt and Ian Cognito whie a campsite stage will also give acoustic artists the chance to get up close and personal to their fans.

In total, more than 100 bands, singers and performers will appear at the Hop Farm Festival during the two days.

Hop Farm chief Vince Power, who founded the Mean Fiddler Empire and has helped establish Glastonbury and Reading as globally-renowned events, is confident that this year's festival will be one to remember.

He said: "It is finding the niche for the festival. I said when starting the Hop Farm that every festival I have done has taken between three and five years to get on the festival map and for people to see it as here to stay. I think with the Hop Farm having legends mixed with great new acts like Mumford & Sons and Laura Marling is the way to go.

"It has a great location and the great thing is that it is a festival for that area. We are selling tickets down to Brighton and up to London, but people are not coming from Birmingham or Manchester. The majority of people coming are from Kent. And I believe this bill will stand up against any other in the UK this year."

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HOP FARM FESTIVAL LINE-UP

FRIDAY: Van Morrison, Blondie, Los Lobos, Imelda May, Damien Dempsey, Afro Celt Sound System, Sweet Billy Pilgrim and many more.
SATURDAY: Bob Dylan, Ray Davies, Mumford & Sons, Seasick Steve, Peter Doherty, Laura Marling, Magic Numbers, Devandra Banhart, Tunng, Villagers, Pete Molinari and many more.







LEST WE FORGET: French graves at Thiepval, the Museum of the First World war, the Thiepval Memorial and (below) a mural at Albert

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Battle scars bear witness to France's wartime heritage

■ BY **ED HILL**

IT is more than 90 years since the Battle of the Somme but the landscape is still etched with the aftermath of an industrial form of war that led to death on a scale never seen before.

Yet, in just a couple of days, you can get an insight into the conflict and explore one of the most convenient regions of France to get to from Kent.

The battlefields are about an hour and a half drive south from Calais. A good place to start is the town of Peronne. The town is the location of the Museum of the First World War (Historial de la Grande Guerre). Housed in a modern extension to the walls of an old château, its exhibitions show the impact the war had on all the countries involved.

The town of Albert, 12 miles away, was taken and retaken by the German and Allied forces during the Somme campaign. The town centre is dominated by the rebuilt Basilica of Notre-Dame. On top of its dome stands a large golden statue of an angel holding the baby Jesus. During the conflict the statue became an icon for both armies. The Germans believed whoever toppled it would ultimately lose the war.

Next to the Basilica, in underground tunnels used by townspeople to shelter from harm down the ages, is the Somme 1916 Museum. It is full of weapons gathered from nearby fields and you can buy objects such as rusty helmets and hand grenades from the museum shop.

The city of Amiens, with its Gothic cathedral and lively nightlife, makes a good base from which to explore.

On day two, visit the Lochnagar mine crater at La Boisselle. The immense power of modern explosives can be seen at this massive hole in the ground; the result of an explosion on July 1, 1916, marking the start of the Battle of the Somme by the British.

Nearby is the Newfoundland Memorial in Beaumont-Hamel. Many men from the region, which at the time was independent from Canada, volunteered for the war. The trenches have been left as they were since the conflict ended and Canadian students on government-funded sabbaticals act as tour guides.

Finally, the massive Anglo-French memorial at Thiepval designed by Edwin Lutyens is a must-visit. The 150ft tall structure commemorates more than 70,000 men from the Commonwealth and French forces.

The Somme Region is still dealing with the aftermath of the conflict. Hundreds of tonnes of shells are dug up in its fields each year and army cemeteries can be found round the bends of many of its country roads, but it is a well worth a visit to remind us when the nightmare of war becomes a reality.

FACT FILE: SOMME REGION

Time difference	+One hour (GMT)
Currency	Euro
Language	French

Ed Hill was a guest of the Somme Tourist Board (www.visit-somme.com) and travelled with P&O Ferries. P & O Ferries, Seafrance or Euro Tunnel, Dover to Calais, prices from £44-£55 for a two-day return with car. The Hotel Les Corderies (www.lescorderies.com) is on the coast in the Baie de Somme or try Mercure Cathedral Hotel in Amiens (www.mercure.com). Ed had lunch at the Hotel De la Basilique in Albert (www.hoteldelabasilique.fr) and dinner at Le Quai Restaurant in Amiens (www.restaurant-le-quai.com). Musée Somme 1916, Albert (www.musee-somme-1916.eu), Historial De La Grande Guerre, Peronne (www.historial.org), Thiepval memorial and visitor centre (www.thiepval@historial.org), Beaumont-Hamel Memorial (www.vac-acc.gc.ca), Lochnagar Crater (www.lochnagarcrater.org).



MOTORS NEWS



Cable's hybrid message

BUSINESS Secretary Vince Cable officially launched the start of production of the Auris Hybrid during a visit to Toyota's Derbyshire plant.

It is the Japanese car giant's first hybrid to be built in Europe and Mr Cable said it was "a strong endorsement of the UK as a manufacturing base for the next generation of cars".

The new five-door hatchback arrived at Toyota dealers this week priced from £18,950 – it is the first and only full hybrid in the competitive C-Segment or Ford Focus class.



Mini changes hoped to make big deal to sales

BMW'S Mini has received a radical makeover for sales from August, including the line-up's first road tax-exempt sub-100g CO2/km model.

With the recent good weather some buyers will also be tempted by the first diesel convertible version, bringing a potential average of 70mpg and low emissions (105g/km of CO2) to open-top motoring.

The changes include some cosmetic detailing that make the car appear lower and wider and coincide with the imminent launch of the brand's first five-door model and soft-roader, the Countryman.



New Juke gets unboxed

BAILEYS Canterbury Nissan previews the all-new Juke crossover at its Westminster Road dealership on July 9.

Orders can be placed on the night – official sales start on September 24.

Part rugged SUV, part funky sports car, the Juke (priced from £12,795) is pitched as a distinctive alternative to conventional hatchbacks – and it is British designed and built.

Baileys' dealer principal Brian Smith said: "We've already seen tremendous response to the Juke, but this is the first time customers can see a full-size car first-hand."



ON THE PROWL: Despite its closest rival the Nissan Qashqai having sharper handling, Peugeot's 3008 crossover offers great interior stowage, heads-up display and Grip Control

Lion roars a challenge to Qashqai generation

PEUGEOT'S lion logo is roaring as the market is wowed by the stunning new RCZ Coupé halo car.

But the pivotal moment for the French brand's new found assurance was the launch of the 3008 crossover (priced from £16,695) last year – a riposte to the successful Nissan Qashqai.

The Nissan's style and drive is still the sharper and you can buy a seven-seater, but the 3008's interior packaging and stowage is clever and the Peugeot's quality cabin – with its chrome and alloy detailing – is a big plus.

And there's a versatile two-part tailgate; the lift-up section allows easy loading of light items, while the lower half enables big stuff to slide in while doubling as 'grandstand' seating at outdoor events or camping.

A movable boot floor and readily accessible seat back releases add to the 'stuffability'.

Rear legroom is not massive, but the front seatbacks are scalloped for the knees of those behind and the flat cabin floor affords leg space for the middle passenger.

The big talking point though is the head-up display with speed and distance alert, as fitted to flagship Exclusive models like the 110bhp 1.6-litre diesel (£20,595) tested here.

Standard fit on the Exclusive is a panoramic roof with electric sunblind; the 3008's cabin is light and airy anyway, but this feature is an all-round enlightening experience.

And so to the much discussed optional Grip Control, Peugeot's alternative to the all-wheel drive clout available – at a price – on some rivals.

Grip Control is a sophisticated traction control for the front driving wheels, with various terrain settings via a simple dial. I would have been cynical had I not seen a Peugeot 3008 used as an improvised glider launcher – see the video at Motors TV at www.carsforkent.co.uk.

At £450 it's also a lot cheaper than a 4x4 equivalent, although Peugeot will no doubt contradict itself when it launches a proposed hybrid 3008, with a diesel for the front wheels and electric power driving the rear.

While you might forego Grip Control though, don't do the same for Dynamic Roll Control – omitted from lesser models in the 3008 range.

This overcomes the car's relatively high riding position and soft suspension and delivers a taut driving experience.

ROAD TEST
PEUGEOT 3008

BY **STEVE LOADER**

STAR QUALITY	OUT OF FIVE
Driving appeal	★★★★½
Image	★★★★½
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Value	★★★★½
Running costs	★★★★½
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A2, 1.4 SE, 2001, abs brakes alloys immobiliser remote central locking, silver, 70059 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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A3, 2.0 TDi 170 QUATTRO, 2007, abs brakes alloys cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking, meteor grey, 23009 miles, £15000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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3 SERIES, 325 SE, 2001, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows metallic paint, silver, 88100 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, 1.6 Ghia, 2007, ocean blue, 12400 miles, £7995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Zetec Climate, 2006, amethyst, 30400 miles, £6495, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

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CR-V, EXECUTIVE, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats tonneau cover trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points, silver, 47122 miles, £9000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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SL-CLASS, SL350 seq auto convertible, 2003, jasper blue metallic with beige leather, 41166 miles, £17950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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ALMERA, 1.5, 2008, blue, 55 miles, £16710, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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1007, Dolce, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning automatic transmission cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, yellow, 8000 miles, £5500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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107, 1.0 Urban, 2008, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser power steering twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, laser red, 3408 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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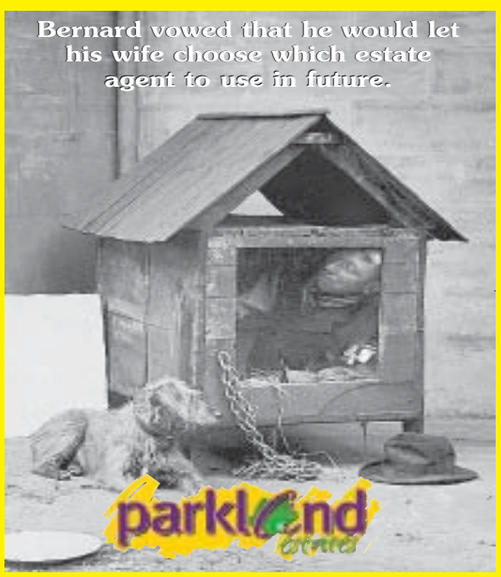
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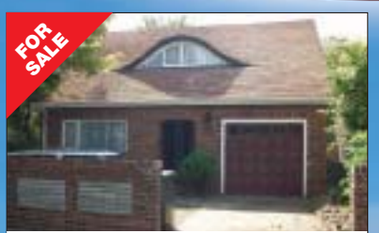
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- Mid terrace



RAMSGATE £179,995

- Cottage & Bungalow
- Semi deacted
- popular location



MARGATE £209,995

- Three bedrooms
- detached
- No forward chain



RAMSGATE £139,995

- Three bedrooms
- Good decorative order
- No forward chain



RAMSGATE £179,950

- Extended bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Parking. NO CHAIN



BROADSTAIRS £304,995

- FIVE bedroom detached
- Conservatory, sea views
- Prime Broadstairs location



RAMSGATE £154,995

- FIVE bedroom home
- Versatile Accommodation
- Two Shower rooms. NO CHAIN



RAMSGATE £158,950

- Two/three bedrooms
- Chalet style home
- Parking. NO CHAIN



MARGATE £85,995

- Two bed ground floor apartment
- Sea views excellent location
- Close to local amenities



BROADSTAIRS £270,000

- Detached luxury
- 3 beds,17' lounge
- Immaculate throughout.



BROADSTAIRS £299,995

- 4 bed 2 bath
- ideally located for schools
- viewing highly recommended



BROADSTAIRS £179,500

- A Stones Throw From The Seafront
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Sea Views - No Chain



BROADSTAIRS £225,000

- Charm & Character throughout
- 2 bedrooms, Sea views
- Delightful gardens

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BROADSTAIRS £350,000

- 4 Beds, 2 Rec, No Chain!
- Stunning Gardens and Views
- Close to NF Golf Course



WESTBROOK £194,995

- Stunning 6 bed period home
- Close to seafront, & all amenities
- CHAIN FREE!



WESTGATE-ON-SEA £350,000

- Stunning Family Home
- 6 Beds & 2 Bathrooms
- Osp & Sunny Back Garden



BIRCHINGTON £550,000

- Four Bed & Three Receptions
- Two Balconies, Panoramic Sea Views
- 180' plot, OSP & Garage



BROADSTAIRS £250,000

- Extended 2 bed bungalow
- Great living space
- No chain ahead



BROADSTAIRS £350,000

- Rarely Available, Sea Views! 4 Beds,
- Kitchen/Diner/Conservatory
- OSP, Within Yards of Clifftops!



BROADSTAIRS £349,995

- 4 Double Beds, 2 Receptions
- Master En-Suite, Well Fitted Kitchen
- Immaculate Gardens!



BROADSTAIRS £325,000

- 3/4 Bed Detached
- Superb Gardens
- Must Be Seen!



PALM BAY £127,500

- 1 Bedroom, Must be Seen
- Garden And A Garage
- Desireable Location



BROADSTAIRS £144,995

- Top Floor Apartment
- Spacious, 19' Lounge
- Allocated Parking Space



PALM BAY £219,995

- 4 Bed, 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage and Parking
- Cul De Sac Location



MARGATE £274,995

- Substantial Edwardian home
- Close to most local schools
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MARGATE £89,995

- Ideal seafront investment
- NO FORWARD CHAIN
- Own rear garden



MARGATE £127,500

- Two Bed Family Home
- Close to Schools, Shops & Amenities
- CHAIN FREE!



MARGATE £129,995

- 2 bed Ground Floor Apartment
- High Spec Conversion
- Private secluded garden



GARLINGE £144,995

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Off Street Parking to Front
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MARGATE £174,995

- Extended Three Bed Semi
- 65ft Rear Garden
- Immaculate Order Throughout



MARGATE £180,000

- 4 x 1 Bed Self Containe Flats
- 2 let on Shorthold Tenancy Agreements
- Ideal Investment!



WESTGATE-ON-SEA £148,500

- 2/3 Bedrooms & OSP
- Modern Bathroom & Kitchen
- Sudg & Gfch



WESTBROOK £319,995

- Substantial Detached Home
- 4 Beds & 2 Large Receptions
- Close to amenities



WESTBROOK £235,000

- Three Double Bedrooms
- Garage & OSP
- Conservatory & Downstairs WC



WESTBROOK £300,000

- Sought After Avenue Location
- Osp, Gfch & Sudg
- 4 Beds & Sunny Garden



WESTGATE-ON-SEA £249,995

- Refurbished Throughout
- No Forward Chain
- Luxury Kitchen Diner



BIRCHINGTON £450,000

- Detached Family Home
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Two En-Suites. OSP. Garage.



BIRCHINGTON £299,995

- 4 Bed & 2 Reception Rooms
- Un-Interrupted Sea Views
- OSP & Garage. DG & GCH



BIRCHINGTON £239,500

- Three Bed Detached Bungalow
- Fully Refurbished Throughout
- Family Bathroom + En-Suite

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Ramsgate £349,995

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Ramsgate £195,950

Two Bedroom Mezzanine Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Upvc Double Glazing, Storage Radiators, Emergency Pull Cords, Communal Lounge And Gardens, No Onward Chain



Ramsgate £229,995

Four Bedroom End Of Terrace Town House Built Approx Five Years Ago Spread Over Three Levels Benefits From Reception Room, Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Downstairs Cloakroom



Ramsgate £164,000

Two Bedrooms, rural views, modern bathroom, 22ft lounge, fitted kitchen, detached garage, upvc double glazing, gas fired central heating, front and rear gardens, Ramsgate



Broadstairs £109,950

Home Managed Apartment For Over 55's, One Bedroom, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Communal Lounge, Workable Guest Suite, Central Broadstairs Location, No Forward Chain



Ramsgate £175,000

Two Bed Bungalow Quiet Residential Area, Close To Local Shops, Bus Routes And Ramsgate Mainline, Rd Door Studio UPVC Double Glazing And Central Heating, Small Front Garden With



Broadstairs £135,000

ENTRANCE Via Communal Entrance with security entry phone system, Stairs leading to top floor, Solid wood Front door leading to ... HALLWAY Security entry phone, Storage cupboard, Telephone



Ramsgate £180,000

Situated On The Second Floor And In Our Opinion In Good Order Throughout, Accommodation Comprises Two Bedrooms, Lounge With Modern Kitchenette, Bathroom, Gas Fired Heating



RAMSGATE £415,000

Five Storey, Five Bedroom Regency Style House, Ground Floor Self Contained Flat Giving Possibility, Tastefully Refurbished, Still Retains Many Original Features Including Fireplaces And



Ramsgate £495,000

Four Bedroom, Semi Detached, Superb Conservatory With Large Size, Superb Kitchen With Granite Worktoppes, Lounge With Open Fireplace, Bathroom, Balcony Utility Room , Oak



Ramsgate £99,950

Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Wet Room, Upvc Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Town Location, Purpose Built, Communal Gardens, No Onward Chain



Ramsgate £175,000

Detached Two Bedroom Bungalow Situated Near Westwood Cross Borders Of Ramsgate & Broadstairs, Rear Garden, Crazy Paved Front Garden With Driveway To Single Garage, Double Glazing



Broadstairs £180,000

Purpose Built Ground Floor Apartment, Two Bedrooms, Courtyard Garden, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Shower Room, Central Location, Garage En Bloc, No Forward Chain



Ramsgate £329,995

Situated On The Ramsgate Broadstairs Borders, Close To Shops, Mainline Railway & Schools, Immaculately Presented Executive Semi Detached House Boasting En-Suite



Ramsgate £365,000

Four Bedroom Edwardian House, Two Receptions, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Boiler Room, Master Bedroom En-Suite, Family Bathroom, Good Sized Garden, Off Street Parking And



Ramsgate £265,000

Detached Character Cottage, 2/3 Bedrooms, Sun Lounge, Living Room, Cellar, Superb Kitchen, Bathroom, Downstairs Cloakroom, Village Location, Balcony, Heart Of Minster Close To Wildlife



Ramsgate £158,000

Charming Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Cottage In The Village Of Minster Loveland Views, Spread Over Three Floors With Its Fireplace And Stripped Wood Garden To The Front With Wood



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RAMSGATE £160,000

Edwardian Three Bedroom End Of Terrace House, The Accommodation Comprises Of Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen And Utility Room On The Ground Floor And Three Good Sized Bedrooms



Ramsgate £249,995

ENTRANCE Through double glazed door into porch with tiled floor and double glazed windows to front, second double glazed door into ... HALLWAY Double glazed window to front, radiator, stairs to



Ramsgate £220,000

Two Bedroom Ground Floor Self Contained Apartment Close To Ramsgate Town Centre, Rail Front And Mainline Railway Station Including Fitted Kitchen And Bathroom, Double Glazing, Private



Ramsgate £154,995

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Broadstairs £395,000

Extensive Detached House, Four Bedrooms, Two En-Suite Plus Family Bathroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Downstairs Cloakroom, Integral Garage, Kingsgate



Margate £85,000

50% Lounge/Bar Area, 1.4% Reception Room/TV Lounge, 2.2% Snooker Room, Kitchen, Gents And Ladies Wc, Office And Stock Rooms, Three Lower Ground Floor Rooms, Vacant



Broadstairs £275,000

Three Bedrooms, Two Receptions, Detached Chalet Bungalow, Modernised, Delightful Fitted Kitchen, Attractive Lounge Area, Conservatory , Shower Room And Bathroom, Garden To The Rear, Garage With Off Street Parking



Broadstairs £635,000

Executive Four Bedroom Detached House, Rear Sea and Cul-D'sacc Views, Three Reception Rooms, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Double Garage, Quiet Cul De Sac Location, Balcony



BROADSTAIRS £279,995

Detached Four Bedroom Chalet Bungalow, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom and Separate WC, Corner Position, Gardens to Front, Side and Rear, Off Street Parking for Several



Broadstairs £299,000

Three/Four Bedroom Detached Chalet Bungalow, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Conservatory, Bathroom and Shower Room, Garage and Off Street Parking for Several



Broadstairs £125,995

Two Bedroom Purpose Built Apartment, Garage, Double Glazing, Central Heating, Lounge/Diner, Bathroom, Central Location.



Broadstairs £475,000

Three Bedrooms, 1250 Private Drive, Tennis Court, Double Garage, Semi/Rear Kitchen, Built in 1988, Delightful Gardens, Double Glazing, En Suite Facilities, Kingsgate



Broadstairs £275,000

Detached Bungalow, Desirable Horizon Sea View, 17ft Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Bedrooms, Three Bedrooms, Double glazed and GFCH, Two Garages and Delightful Gardens



Broadstairs £127,500

One Bedroom Garden Apartment, 17ft Lounge with original marble fireplace, Separate Kitchen, Bathroom, Approx 15ft Garden, Very Good Decorative Order, No Forward Chain.



Broadstairs £335,000

Two Bedroom Luxury Apartment, Balcony, Wide Direct Sea Views, Fitted Kitchen, Very Sought After Location, Historical And Literary Interest, Off Road Parking, Possible Integral Garage, Spa



Broadstairs £235,000

Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow, Off Road Parking And Garage, Double Glazing, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Central Heating, Lovely Rear Garden, Fitted Shower Room, Broadstairs.



BROADSTAIRS £200,000

Two Bedroom Split Level Apartment, Very Close To Sea Front, Off Street Parking, Partial Sea Views, Fitted Kitchen, Double Glazing, Central Heating,



Broadstairs £279,000

Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Large Rear Garden, Central Heating, Central Location.



Broadstairs £265,000

Detached Bungalow , Sought Area Of Broadstairs, Fitted 21ft Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room, 17ft Lounge, Leaded Light Double Glazing, Master Bedroom With En Suite Shower Room , Family



Broadstairs £185,000

New Build, Two Bedroom Apartments, Built to High Specification, Luxury Fitted Kitchen, En Suite To Master Bedroom, Family Bathroom, Off Street Parking, 10 Year Premier Guarantee.



Broadstairs £215,000

Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow, Drive and Garage, Double Glazing, Central Heating, Quiet Residential Area, Close To All Amenities, Pretty Rear Garden



Broadstairs £80,000

In Need of Total Refurbishment, One Bedroom Apartment, Lounge, Kitchenette, En Suite Shower Room, New 99 Year Lease, Central Location, Horizon Sea Views, No Forward Chain



Broadstairs £625,000

Unique Property, Excellent Location, Four Bedrooms, Main Kitchen, Luxury Bathroom, Set Within 1/4 Acre, Three Elements To Property, Sea Views, Separate Annex/Office, North Foreland



Broadstairs £160,950

House Managed Apartment for Over 55's, One Bedroom, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Communal Lounge, Bookable Guest Suite, Central Broadstairs Location, No Forward Chain



Broadstairs £180,000

One Bedroom Lower Ground Floor Flat, Premier Location, Twenty Yards From Beach, Own Rear Courtyard, Needs Refurbishment.



Broadstairs £135,000

Two Bedroom Apartment, Balcony, Fitted Kitchen, Balcony, Central Location, Off Road Parking, Communal Gardens, Close To Station, Lounge/Diner



BROADSTAIRS £160,500

Lower Ground Floor One Bed Apartment, Own Private Entrance, Rear Courtyard Garden, Viking Bay Location, No Forward Chain, 15ft Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom, Ideal First Time Buy!

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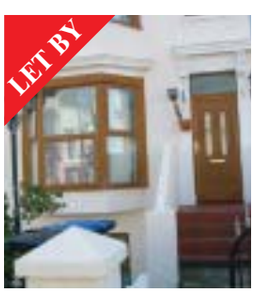
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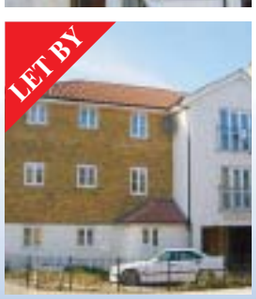


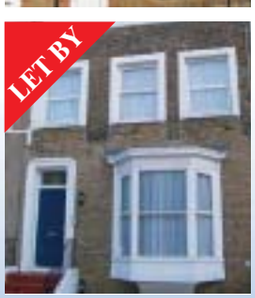


















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Belmont Road,Ramsgate



2 bedrooms Spacious accommodation
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£500 pcm

Victoria Road, Margate



3 bedrooms Close to schools
Benefits considered
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2 bedrooms Brand New conversion
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Two Bedrooms Central Cliftonville
Benefits Considered
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Albion Road, St Peters



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- GCH, DG
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- Viewing Recommended

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- En-Suite
- Allocated parking for one car

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- Mature Applicant
- GCH
- Recently redecorated

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MARGATE



- One Bed, 1 Recep
- Excellent Decorative Order
- Allocated Parking
- GCH, DG

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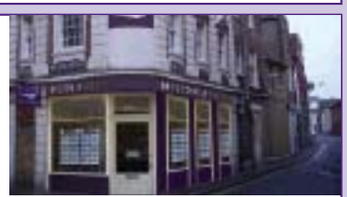
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- One Bedroom First Floor
- Economy 7 Heating
- Stunning Shower Room
- Lovely Fitted Kitchen

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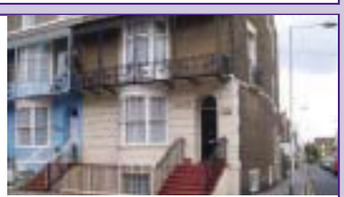
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- One Bedroom
- Separate Kitchen
- Lovely Bathroom with Power Shower
- Electric Central Heating

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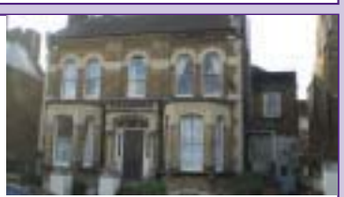
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- One Bedroom Spacious
- Apartment
- Fitted Kitchen
- Balcony, Gas Central Heating

£450

RAMSGATE



- 2 Bedrooms
- First Floor
- Gas central Heating
- Fitted Kitchen

£525

RAMSGATE



- 3 bedroom
- Split level apartment
- GCH, beautiful Decor
- White Goods, Gym

£695

RAMSGATE



- 3 Bedrooms
- Good size lounge
- Enclosed rear Garden
- GCH

£640

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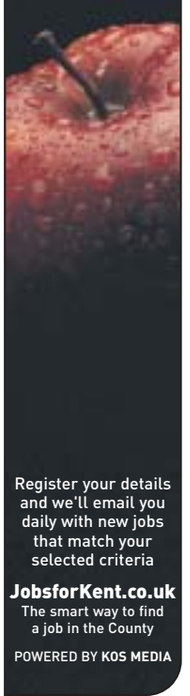
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CRICKET

BY STEVE TERVET

Ross gives 'em old 1-2-3 as Broadstairs hit pole position

Kent League Division Two

Broadstairs 1st XI v High Halstow 1st XI

VICTORY over High Halstow by 33 runs was enough to send Broadstairs to the top of Division Two, level with Dartford and two points clear of previous leaders Tenterden.

Scott Narraway's side, having lost the toss, were put in to bat and the early dismissals of Jake Benfield and Alex Hogben left them in some disarray at 18 for 2.

However, Michael Ross then took control of proceedings as he began to pick up regular boundaries on his way to a superb knock of 123 not out, which he reached from 151 balls.

The opener was well-supported by David Cooper (55) and Neil Brennan (68 not out), as Halstow's bowlers failed to build on their early good work as the home side worked their way to 269 for 3 from their 50 overs.

Halstow's innings started in near-identical fashion as that of Broadstairs, as Brett Smith and Steve Lapthorn departed with just five on the scoreboard.

However, the visitors kept the game alive thanks to the middle-order resistance of Ashley Trigg (70), Benjamin Bowles (38) and Simon Morley (45).

Broadstairs kept chipping away, though, and wickets started to tumble just as the game seemed to be swinging Halstow's way.

Chris Kidd finished with figures of 4 for 62 as Halstow were bowled out for 236, athough the game finished in dramatic fashion as Broadstairs picked up the crucial last wicket with only two balls of the match remaining.

Broadstairs will look to go clear at the top on Saturday with victory away to Dartford.



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PITCH BATTLE: Michael Ross's superb unbeaten 123 laid the foundations for a Broadstairs victory that put them top of the league

SCORE CARD

Broadstairs 1st XI

	Runs
Michael Ross not out	123
Jake Benfield ct Kember b Donnelly	6
Alex Hogben ct Kember b Donnelly	3
David Cooper c&b Trigg	55
Neil Brennan not out	68
Scott Narraway did not bat	
Terry Bond did not bat	
Chris Kidd did not bat	
Bradley Ellison did not bat	
Liam Narraway did not bat	
Iain Tong did not bat	
Extras (2b 5lb 7w)	14
Total (3 wickets, 50 overs)	269

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Matthew Tungate	9	0	38	0
Luke Donnelly	10	2	33	2
Ashley Trigg	10	0	59	1
Rupert Staple	11	1	60	0
Brett Smith	10	2	72	0

High Halstow 1st XI

	Runs
Brett Smith ct Bond b Ellison	5
Steve Lapthorn run out	0
Ashley Trigg lbw b Tong	70
Arjun Dhull ct S Narraway b Ellison	12
Benjamin Bowles c&b Ross	38
Simon Morley ct Ross b Kidd	45
Jamie Trigg ct L Narraway b Kidd	10
Luke Donnelly run out	9
Rupert Staple ct S Narraway b Kidd	28
Matthew Tungate ct Cooper b Kidd	0
Samuel Kember not out	0
Extras (5b 4lb 8w 2nb)	19
Total (all out, 49.4 overs)	236

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Bradley Ellison	8	1	47	2
Liam Narraway	10	0	48	0
Chris Kidd	14.2	4	62	4
Iain Tong	6	1	33	1
Michael Ross	11	2	37	1

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Sandwich Town 1st XI v Hythe 1st XI

POWERFUL batting was only enough to secure a winning draw for Sandwich Town against Hythe in Division One.

David Scoggins hit 86 as the home side started strongly, but Vishaul Singh was the star of the show as he scored 110 before falling to the bowling of Lochan Blunden.

James Watson (105) then became the day's second centurion as Hythe attempted to chase down 301, but with the target too distant they closed on 220 for 6.

Sandwich Town 1st XI

		Runs
Craig Snell	lbw b Blunden	41
David Scoggins	run out	86
Stuart Smith	ct Patching b Hemphrey	4
Vishaul Singh	lbw b Blunden	110
Oliver Robinson	lbw b Maurice	27
Robert Goatham	not out	7
Gavin Lawrence	not out	1
Tom Chapman	did not bat	
Craig Spanton	did not bat	
Tom Dilnot-Smith	did not bat	
Matthew van Poppel	did not bat	
Extras	(5b 6lb 10w 3nb)	24
Total	(5 wickets dec, 47 overs)	300

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Daniel Patching	10	1	52	0
Andrew Maurice	11	0	69	1
Lochan Blunden	14	1	80	2
Trevor Squire	3	0	31	0
Jamie Hemphrey	5	0	26	1
Jago Pearson	4	0	31	0

Hythe 1st XI

		Runs
Lochan Blunden	lbw b Spanton	12
Jago Pearson	b Dilnot-Smith	0
Leon Morgan	ct Chapman b Spanton	14
James Watson	ct van Poppel b Robinson	105
Daniel Patching	ct Smith b Singh	30
Tim Pichowski	ct van Poppel b Robinson	40
Sam Butler	not out	13
Andrew Maurice	not out	1
Trevor Squire	did not bat	
Jamie Hemphrey	did not bat	
Hemang Patel	did not bat	
Extras	(2b 3lb 4w 1nb)	10
Total	(6 wickets, 53 overs)	220

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	15	1	46	2
Tom Dilnot-Smith	9	0	41	1
Matthew van Poppel	10	1	33	0
Robert Goatham	4	0	23	0
Vishaul Singh	6	0	17	1
Tom Chapman	3	0	30	0
Oliver Robinson	6	2	30	2

REGIONAL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Westgate-on-Sea 1st XI v Bexley 3rd XI

WESTGATE failed to fire with the bat on Saturday as they went down to an unexpected defeat against lowly Bexley by 58 runs, dropping into mid-table.

Batting first, Bexley posted 216 for 8 from their 46 overs, with Archie Woodgate's 58 the highlight, while Brian Andrews picked up 3 for 28 for Westgate.

The home side got off to a poor start and never recovered in their run-chase, slumping to 158 all out as George Newell and Jack Ryan both took three wickets.

Bexley 3rd XI

		Runs
Ryan Griggs	b Andrews	10
Daniel Johnson	ct Sandwell b Andrews	0
Archie Woodgate	ct Sandwell b Winch	58
Chris Pinnock	b Andrews	0
Rick Melbourne	ct Sandwell b Mielke	22
Stanley Wells	b Baxter	34
James Harris	ct Sandwell b Heathcote	31
Jolyon Bond	ct Spokes b Baxter	32
Steven King	not out	5
George Newell	did not bat	
Jack Ryan	did not bat	
Extras	(6b 8lb 5w 3nb)	22
Total	(8 wickets, 46 overs)	216

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Brian Andrews	6	0	28	3
Ross Heathcote	12	1	51	1
Jason Mielke	8	1	33	1
Stephen Winch	11	0	32	1
Nick Baxter	9	0	58	2

Westgate-On-Sea 1st XI

		Runs
Keith Sandwell	ct Pinnock b King	6
Alex Spokes	ct Harris b King	6
Lewis Winch	ct Johnson b Wells	22
Nick Baxter	b Newell	32
Ian Mackenzie	b Newell	4
Jack Newman	not out	24
Stephen Winch	lbw b Newell	0
Brian Andrews	ct Woodgate b Ryan	19
Ross Heathcote	ct Johnson b Ryan	5
Paul Hill	ct Pinnock b Ryan	6
Jason Mielke	ct Woodgate b Harris	0
Extras	(17b 5lb 11w 1nb)	34
Total	(all out, 37.5 overs)	158

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Steven King	6	1	24	2
Jolyon Bond	5	1	19	0
Stanley Wells	7	1	27	1
George Newell	7	1	22	3
James Harris	6.5	0	21	1
Jack Ryan	6	0	23	3

REGIONAL LEAGUE 1B EAST

St Margaret's 1st XI v New Romney & Littlestone 1st XI

MARK Parnell recorded figures of 5 for 10 as St Margaret's thrashed New Romney to move within one place of the promotions spots in 1B East.

Aaron Powell (82) and Dale King (76) helped St Margaret's accumulate 334 for 6, and the home side also benefitted from 66 extras as New Romney lost their discipline.

In reply, the visitors collapsed to 89 all out as Parnell led the St Margaret's charge, with four New Romney batsmen departing without scoring.

St Margaret's 1st XI

		Runs
Aaron Powell	lbw b Cary	82
Lloyd King	ct Cary b Ahmad	29
Haydn Beer	run out	4
Mark Parnell	ct Cary b Ahmad	1
Ritchie Hulks	not out	44
Toby Kember	ct Ahmad b Cary	32
Dale King	ct Lawrence b Gudhka	76
Peter Bowley	did not bat	
Ryan Hulks	not out	6
Daniel Kennett	did not bat	
Adrian Hulks	did not bat	
Extras	(17b 15lb 32w 2nb)	66
Total	(6 wickets, 46 overs)	334

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Lee Smith	12	1	70	0
Matthew Cary	12	0	87	2
Amar Gudhka	11	1	59	1
Zahid Ahmad	9	1	64	2
Casey Williams	1	0	12	0
Gary Cooper	1	0	9	0

New Romney & Littlestone 1st XI

		Runs
Lee Smith	ct Ryan Hulks b Kennett	14
Lewis Unwin	c & b Ritchie Hulks	7
Amar Gudhka	lbw b Parnell	37
Spencer Lawrence	ct Ryan Hulks b Bowley	15
Matthew Cary	ct Ryan Hulks b Parnell	11
Zahid Ahmad	b Bowley	0
Casey Williams	b Parnell	0
Gary Cooper	lbw b Parnell	0
Mark Haiselden	lbw b Parnell	0
Scott Haiselden	not out	4
Extras	(1lb 2w)	3
Total	(all out, 22.1 overs)	89

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Ritchie Hulks	7	2	25	1
Daniel Kennett	7	1	34	1
Mark Parnell	4.1	1	10	5
Peter Bowley	4	1	17	2

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE 2ND XI

High Halstow 2nd XI v Broadstairs 2nd XI

HAVING slipped to the brink of defeat at High Halstow, Broadstairs 2nds clung on to claim a losing draw at Rayners Meadow on Saturday.

The home side had Daren Brumbaugh to thank for their score of 256 for 6 as he finished 130 not out, to leave Broadstairs facing an uphill task in their reply.

Several players got good starts, but only Ben Warden (46) and James Bond (51) made meaningful contributions and the visitors were left to endure a nervy climax.

High Halstow 2nd XI

		Runs
Richard Lapthorn	ct Bond b Alex Tuddenham	32
Adam Colegate	run out	3
Daren Brumbaugh	not out	130
Jake Barrett	st Simpson b Marshall	23
Tim Munday	ct Anthony Tuddenham b Marshall	1
David Sibley	b Frewin	35
Carl Dockwray	ct Marshall b Frewin	8
Jamie Taylor	not out	9
Paul Belsey	did not bat	
Joe Bowles	did not bat	
Chris Dockwray	did not bat	
Extras	(8b 1lb 1w 5nb)	15
Total	(6 wickets, 50 overs)	256

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Anthony Tuddenham	7	1	33	0
Alex Tuddenham	12	1	44	1
Ben Warden	7	1	27	0
Ashley Ellison	7	0	27	0
Andrew Marshall	11	1	68	2
Oliver Frewin	6	0	48	2

Broadstairs 2nd XI

		Runs
Brian Simpson	lbw b Belsey	18
Ben Warden	lbw b Chris Dockwray	46
Alex Tuddenham	ct Lapthorn b Barrett	28
Anthony Tuddenham	ct Brumbaugh b Barrett	0
James Bond	ct Bowles b Belsey	51
Sam Winsor	ct Colegate b Barrett	13
Andrew Marshall	b Chris Dockwray	34
Geoff Pine	lbw b Belsey	2
Ashley Ellison	ct Lapthorn b Belsey	2
David Parker	not out	6
Oliver Frewin	not out	0
Extras	(10b 3lb 3w)	16
Total	(9 wickets, 50 overs)	216

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Paul Belsey	15	3	63	4
Joe Bowles	11	0	38	0
Jamie Taylor	3.3	0	15	0
Jake Barrett	7	0	35	3
Chris Dockwray	12.3	3	28	2
Carl Dockwray	3	0	26	0

Langley admits that Rams 'took last year for granted'

FOOTBALL

BY STEVE TERVET

RAMSGATE'S assistant manager Richard Langley admitted Ramsgate took Ryman South "for granted" last season, having dropped down after three seasons in the Premier Division.

Langley said mistakes had been made in the build-up to the league season, which saw the club eventually slump to a disappointing 14th-placed finish.

However, Jim Ward's number two insists things are different this summer and has targeted a play-off spot as the minimum requirement for the Southwood club next season.

"We came into a new division and we took it for granted," he said.

Injuries

"Having had three seasons in the Ryman Premier we were probably a little bit lax in terms of finding out about the other teams.

"However, we've done our homework since the end of last season and we know more about our opponents this year.

"Last year expectations were high from the start. We'd been relegated from the Ryman Premier and people expected us to bounce straight up again.

"Sometimes expectations are too high, not that I'm making excuses. Next season, we should be around the play-offs, although we go out trying to win the league."

Ramsgate are set to start the new campaign with a largely unchanged squad, with the majority of last season's side having already signed Ryman League forms at the club.

Goalkeeper Sam Mott has moved to Thamesmead Town while Simon Pettit is now at Maidstone United, Gary Mickelborough at Hythe and Jason Dolby has arrived at Chatham Town.

Langley said: "We're quite happy with the squad that ended last season. One advantage we had was that a lot of the younger players played more games than we envisaged because of injuries and suspensions.

"The likes of Ollie Gray, Luke Wheatley and Joe Taylor, instead of playing six to ten games, ended up playing between 20 and 25, so they've now got a bit of experience.

"We're not looking to strengthen in any particular areas, but if players write in, we'd be foolish to turn them away, particularly with things as they are with money."

Langley believes Met Police are the side to beat next season, having recruited heavily from Fleet Town, although he is also backing newly-promoted Faversham Town to succeed.

"Faversham have got Clive Walker and a lot of players with Ryman League experience, so they're no mugs," he said.

"The league will be as strong as it was last season, but I think it'll be more open, with six to eight teams striving for the title."



Picture ADY KERRY

LEARNING CURVE: Ollie Gray, red, was one of several young Rams players who will have gained experience from last year

CRICKET



Picture ADY KERRY

BIG STAND: Rob Key, left, and Martin van Jaarsveld

Spitfires skipper in inspired form as win keeps t20 hopes alive

ROB Key's unbeaten knock of 98 at Hove helped the Kent Spitfires to a 27-run win and keeps their slim hopes of qualification for the knockout stages of the Friends Provident t20 alive.

The Spitfires inflicted just a second defeat on South Group leaders Sussex at Hove on Sunday evening, leaving Key's side four points behind the all-important top-four.

Opener Joe Denly returned after a four-game absence, and along with Key set the Spitfires on their way to a winning total of 194 for 1. Denly (38) shared in an opening stand of 90 with Key before being run out, but that was the only success for the home side, who were unable to dislodge Key and Martin van Jaarsveld. The latter finished unbeaten on 53, but it was the skipper who took all the plaudits, ending just two runs shy of a deserved hundred off just 55 balls.

In reply, 19-year-old seamer Matt Coles was the pick of the bowling attack as he helped restrict the Sussex Sharks to 167 for 9. Coles claimed 3 for 30 from his four overs, which included the important wicket of Murray Goodwin, as the league leaders struggled to match Kent's scoring rate.

The win proved vital for the Spitfires after they had suffered a 13-run defeat against Middlesex at Lord's on Friday evening, in a game that marked the debut of 19-year-old seamer Ashley Shaw.

The majority of Kent's first-team squad took a much-needed few days off this week as several youngsters were employed for the tourist match against Pakistan.

The game, which ends today, saw a first-team debut for Chris Piesley, together with welcome returns for seamers Robbie Joseph and Dewald Nel, much to the delight of head coach Paul Farbrace, who said: "When we go to the Rose Bowl in the championship next week, we could be in the fantastic position of having Joseph and Amjad Khan in our side which would be great."



GAMES ON: Pupils from Palm Bay School who took part in this year's trigolf tournament

SCHOOLS

Isle's schools unite for Kent School Games

A TEAM comprising pupils from 12 schools will represent Thanet at this year's Kent School Games, with competition commencing in Canterbury tomorrow.

Having entered qualifying events throughout the year the successful teams will battle it out in 17 different sports over four days as they bid to improve on their medal haul of two years ago.

Northdown and St Peter's took top spot in basketball and football respectively in 2008, and hopes are high for further Thanet successes this time around.

Upton Junior School are expected to compete for honours across several sports, while Dane Court (golf and table tennis) and Chatham House (badminton and tennis) are also fancied.

The Games is the biggest event of its kind in the UK and requires the cooperation of primary and secondary schools as well as school sport coordinators (SSCOs).

Hilary Farmiloe, partnership development manager in Thanet, said: "We should be proud of the efforts put in by schools and SSCOs in arranging events allowing us to put this very strong Thanet team together. This is a great mass participation weekend and we hope the Thanet team returns with a number of medals."

The secondary school teams will contest badminton, basketball, futsal, golf, table tennis, tennis, trampolining and volleyball.

Meanwhile, the primary competitions will take place in basketball, football, netball, gymnastics, kwik cricket, multi-skills, sportshall athletics, sportstacking, tag rugby and trigolf.

Davenport one match away from Open spot

GOLF

THANET golfer Michael Davenport is one step away from teeing off alongside the world's greatest players at next month's Open Championship at St Andrews.

Davenport, representing Stonelees Golf Centre, near Ramsgate, was one of nine Kent-based players to come through regional qualifying at the London Club, near Brands Hatch, last week.

A round of 69 was enough to secure Davenport his passage through to the next stage, final local qualifying, which began in Scotland yesterday and finishes today.

Going through alongside Davenport are Jamie Spence (Nevill), Daniel Casey (London Club), Matt Ford (Tudor Park), Jordan Godwin (Rochester & Cobham Park), Todd Adcock (Nevill), Zane Scotland (Prince's), Michael Bush (Rochester & Cobham Park) and Jerome Titlow (London Club).

The Kent qualifier was one of 16 regional events held last week and the county's contingent of nine are now battling for one of the 12 remaining spots at the Open, which begins on July 15.

The Open returns to St Andrews for the first time since Tiger Woods triumphed in 2005, although it was another American, Stewart Cink, who lifted the Claret Jug at Turnberry 12 months ago.



BIG CHANCE: Michael Davenport is one step away from playing in the 2010 Open

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